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## PREFACE.

The Public Record Office was established by an Act of Parliament of 1838, 'an Act for keeping safely the Public Records' (Stat. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 94). This Act provided that the Records belonging to Her then Majesty which were or ought to be in the several record offices, courts, places and custody specifically mentioned should thenceforward be under the charge and superintendence of the Master of the Rolls for the time being; a Deputy Keeper of the Records and a sufficient number of Assistant Record Keepers and other Officers were to be appointed to carry out the provisions of the Act; and the Treasury was to provide such suitable building or buildings as might be required for the safe custody of all the public records which under the Act were to be in the legal custody of the Master of the Rolls.

Under this last provision the present Repository on the Rolls Estate was begun in 1851 and the first block completed in 1856. Between the latter year and the year 1900 other blocks have been added and a further extension in the near future is now rendered necessary by the increasing congestion of the records.

The records which were thus brought together under a single custody and eventually under a single roof had previously been scattered in many repositories in London and elsewhere, in buildings generally unsafe and unsuitable for the purpose. Of these the most important repositories were those at the Tower of London for the earlier records of the Chancery, the Rolls Chapel for later records of that Court, the Chapter House at Westminster Abbey for the most precious of the Exchequer records and the earlier records of the Courts of Common Law, together with the proceedings of the abolished Courts of Star Chamber, Requests and Wards and Liveries. Other important repositories were at Carlton Ride and the Stone Tower at Westminster, and many others of a minor and more special character in which records of a public nature were preserved, were dispersed about London and the country.

In ancient times the records of the Curia Regis were accounted amongst the King's treasure and appear to have been kept in whatever royal palace he happened at the time to be residing. The gradual subdivision of the Curia into the Chancery, the Exchequer and the Courts of Common Law and the permanent establishment of these courts at Westminster resulted in course of time in each having its separate treasury. It was perhaps through recollection of the former practice that the Chancery records came to be housed in later medieval times in the King's Wardrobes both in the Tower of London and in the New Temple. The Exchequer as a result of its permanent settlement at Westminster at an early date had its special treasury there in a definite building at least as early as the reign of Edward III. In 1610 there were as many as four separate treasuries or record repositories of the Exchequer at Westminster, all of which were subsequently merged in that in the Chapter House.

The term 'record' has at different periods been variously defined. Sir Edward Coke's definition of it as 'a memorial or remembrance in rolls of parchment of the proceedings and acts of a Court of Justice' would restrict it to a very small fraction of the documents now preserved in the Public Record Office. For the purposes of the present work, however, it is only necessary to follow the very comprehensive interpretation of the word 'records' in the penultimate section of the Act of 1838, whereby it is to be taken to mean 'all rolls, records, writs, books, proceedings, decrees, bills, warrants, accounts, papers and documents whatsoever of a public nature belonging to Her Majesty, or now deposited in any of the Offices or Places of custody before mentioned.'

The records which had been specifically mentioned in the Act included in addition to those belonging to the Courts and various Offices of the Chancery, Exchequer, Admiralty, King's Bench, Common Pleas and Marshalsea, those of the then lately abolished Courts of the Principality of Wales, of the Palatinates of Chester and Durham, and of the Isle of Ely. With the exception of the last named all these records have long since been transferred to the Public Record Office. By section 3 of the Act provision is made for the periodical delivery as occasion may arise of the accruing records of any of the above Courts to the Master of the Rolls upon his warrant countersigned by the Lord Chancellor.

It seems certain that those who framed the Act contemplated only the judicial records as coming within its scope, as no mention is made in it of the records in the State Paper Office or of the books and papers belonging to the public departments. But under the very wide powers given to the Crown in section 2 an Order in Council was made on 5 March, 1852, directing that 'all records belonging to Her Majesty deposited in any office, court, place or custody other than those before mentioned in the said recited Act shall from thenceforth be under the charge and superintendence of the Master of the Rolls, subject and according to the provisions of the said Act.'

The effect of this Order has been to add enormously to the extent and value of the records now preserved in the Public Record Office. Under it not only was the State Paper Office amalgamated with this Office in 1854 and the whole of its contents subsequently removed there, but the records of such important public departments as the Treasury, the Admiralty, War Office and the Home, Foreign and Colonial Offices, as well as those of several others, have subsequently been periodically transferred to the charge and superintendence of the Master of the Rolls.

The records which, under the comprehensive powers of the Act of 1838 and the subsequent Order in Council of 5 March, 1852, have now been brought together in the Public Record Office extend over a period of more than 800 years and are equal at least to those of any other country in age and completeness. They may be summarised thus:—

- (1) Records of the Chancery and Exchequer and of the former Superior Courts of Law at Westminster.
- (2) Records of the Justices Itinerant and of the Clerks of Assize.
- (3) Records of the High Court of Admiralty, the High Court of Delegates and of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in ecclesiastical and maritime causes.



- (4) Records of the Supreme Court of Judicature, namely of the Chancery, King's Bench and Admiralty Divisions, and of the Clerks of Assize.
- (5) Records of special and abolished jurisdictions, namely of the Courts of Requests, Star Chamber and Wards and Liveries, and of the Palace Court.
- (6) Records of the Palatinates of Chester, Durham and Lancaster, of the Courts of Great Sessions of Wales, and of the Court of the Honour of Peveril.
- (7) Records of the Duchy of Lancaster.
- (8) Records of the Copyright Office, Stationers' Hall.
- (9) Records of the State Paper Office, comprising the Domestic, Colonial and Foreign series of the Secretaries of State.
- (10) Records of Public Departments.

In 1903, consequent on the appointment of the Deputy Keeper of the Records to hold in conjunction the Office of Keeper of the Land Revenue Records and Enrolments, the records of that office were transferred to the Public Record Office, but inasmuch as their transfer was not effected under the Act of 1838 they stand in a special category.

The first Guide to the public records to be issued since the date of the Act was the *Handbook to the Public Records*, by Mr. F. S. Thomas, published in 1853. Although the information contained in this was classified correctly enough under the different Courts and Departments to which the records belonged, beyond that there was no scientific arrangement of the various classes of these records or exact indication of their respective bulk and periods. The work contains a good deal of valuable though somewhat miscellaneous information respecting the records and the Offices from which they emanated. Much of this has been incorporated in the later Guides. The subsequent growth and sortation of the records has long rendered the *Handbook* obsolete as a Guide.

In 1891 was published the first edition of the *Guide to the Principal Classes of Documents preserved in the Public Record Office*, by Mr. S. R. Scargill-Bird. Despite its title this was rather a subject-guide than a class-guide, the information being arranged alphabetically under a number of headings, and was an attempt 'to put before the reader in a lucid form a general view of the National Archives in their present condition, which will enable him to decide at a glance which and how many of the various classes will be of service to him, at the same time indicating the existing means of reference to each.' In the Introduction to the work some account was given of the history and functions of the principal courts and offices, whose records were described.

The second edition of this Guide which was published in 1896 followed the same arrangement but to it were prefixed useful schedules of the records of the superior courts of law and those of the Palatinates, the Principality of Wales and the Duchy of Lancaster, showing the several classes, the period each embraced and its bulk.

The third and last edition of this Guide was published in 1908. In this 'the very great progress [made] since the previous editions] with the systematic arrangement and re-classification of the contents of the Public Record Office' led to the adoption of 'a more scientific grouping of the records under the several Courts or Offices from which they emanated.' With this qualification, however, the alphabetical



subject arrangement of the earlier editions was largely followed. Class descriptions of the records appear usually, though not uniformly, in the titles printed in small capitals under each subject heading, the latter being printed in heavy or clarendon type. Except in the synoptical tables, which were again prefixed, there was no separate setting out of the records of the Exchequer under its various constituent offices. For the first time some account, albeit of a summary nature, was given of the records of the different public departments which had been transferred to the Public Record Office.

Since the publication of this edition the work of the Royal Commission on Public Records appointed in 1910 has been completed. This is represented in its three large reports issued with their accompanying minutes and appendices between the years 1912 and 1919. The first of these, which deals with the records preserved in the Public Record Office, gives much interesting information as to the history of that department and its past work together with summary accounts of the records. The second report deals with public records preserved elsewhere and the third with local records of a public nature. These both contain very valuable particulars respecting the nature and extent of records which are not usually very accessible to the general public.

Of recent years archive science as a special course of study has made great strides in the universities both of this kingdom and of certain foreign countries, and many works dealing in one way or another with the record sources of history have been published. Of unofficial works which treat in a general way of the contents of the Public Record Office mention may be made here of Part I of Vol. I of the *Repertory of British Archives*, published in 1920, by the Royal Historical Society under the editorship of Mr. Hubert Hall. This work is primarily intended for students of 'diplomatic' and the records have been classed according to their formal nature and not to their places of origin or subject matter. The admirable *Guides to the Materials for American History*, published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, although written for their special purpose and dealing more particularly with the departmental records, contain much useful information respecting the history of the different departments and courts as well as about the general nature of the various classes of documents described. For good summary accounts of the contents of the Public Record Office reference may be made to the article 'Records' in the eleventh edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* and to the pamphlet on the Office written by Mr. C. Johnson, with a view, however, more particularly to the ecclesiastical historian, in the series of 'Helps for Students of History' published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

In 1914, when the necessity of preparing a new Guide was beginning to be felt, I was entrusted with the task by the Deputy Keeper of the Records, who laid down the general principles upon which the work was to be done. The more scientific grouping of the records which was begun in the last edition of Mr. Scargill-Bird's Guide was to be carried out to its full logical extent by abandoning the subject-headings of the earlier Guides and by describing the records under their class titles. The need for a subject guide was to be met by a very much fuller index than had been previously thought necessary. The records of the Government Departments deposited in the Office were to be described on a scale commensurate with that used in the case of the Legal Records.

I had previously to being entrusted with this task been engaged in



connexion with my duties as the Officer in charge of the Search Department on the preparation of a new General Catalogue of all official lists, indexes and other means of reference to the records, with a precise description under each record class of all the indexes, etc., referring to it and their several press marks. With the Deputy Keeper's approval it was arranged that the preparation of this catalogue should proceed *pari passu* with that of the editing of the Guide. This General Catalogue has now been completed and typed copies of it are available for the use of the public on the shelves of the Search Rooms.

The fuller treatment of the Departmental records has made it advisable to issue the Guide in two volumes. Of these, Vol. I deals with the judicial records and such records as have been removed to the Public Record Office under the countersigned warrant specified in the Act. These are held to be in the statutory custody of the Master of the Rolls and their production to the public is subject to such regulations and fees as he may from time to time impose.

Vol. II will deal with the records of the State Paper Office and of those public departments which have transferred their documents to the Public Record Office in accordance with the Order in Council of 5 March, 1852. Except in the case of the State Paper Office records, which are open to public inspection, these records can only be inspected under such conditions as the Departments to which they respectively belong may make.\*

One exception, however, in this division of the subject has to be noted. The transfer in 1884 to the Public Record Office of the records of the late Privy Seal Office, which will be described in Vol. II, has since the preparation of the present volume been confirmed by a countersigned warrant. They are consequently subject to the same regulations as those governing the records described in Vol. I.

The present volume is largely based upon the work of Mr. Scargill-Bird. In many cases his introductory historical sketches of the various courts have been retained, as have many of his descriptions of particular classes of records, although with such modifications as the entirely different method of treatment of the whole subject has demanded and with such necessary corrections as subsequent research has revealed. The account of the Exchequer and its constituent departments is entirely new. In writing this I have been much indebted for assistance and advice to my colleagues, Mr. C. G. Crump, Mr. Charles Johnson and Mr. Hilary Jenkinson.

The preparation of the Guide and the above mentioned Catalogue of Lists and Indexes has entailed the examination to a greater or less extent of every record class. This examination has revealed some anomalies and has thus assisted the arrangement of the records by Mr. Harley Rodney, and since his retirement by Mr. R. C. Fowler, O.B.E., as the Assistant Keeper in charge of the Repository.

In the following pages the titles of the several classes of records are represented by the lower case heavy (Clarendon) type in which they are printed (*e.g.* **Pipe Rolls**). This treatment makes it unnecessary to reprint the summary schedules of the records which were prefixed to the second and third editions of Mr. Scargill-Bird's Guide. For

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\* Most of them are now open to inspection without special permit to the end of the year 1837; in the case of some Departments the closed period has been put considerably later. As to this see Vol. II of the present work.

convenience it has been occasionally necessary to group certain of the class titles under a general heading, such as 'Enrolments' and 'Inquisitions' in the case of the Chancery records. These general headings have been printed in heavy type capitals (*e.g.*, **ENROLMENTS**).

The index has been made under my direction by Mr. D. L. Evans, an Assistant Keeper (Class II) of the Records.

To the Deputy Keeper and to my colleagues generally I have to express my thanks for every possible assistance given me in the preparation of the work.

M. S. GIUSEPPI.

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July, 1923.

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## APPENDIX I.

## The Public Record Office Acts.

## I.—AN ACT FOR KEEPING SAFELY THE PUBLIC RECORDS.

[14th August, 1838.]

1 &amp; 2 Victoria. Cap. 94.

WHEREAS the Public Records are in the keeping of several Persons, and many are kept in unfit Buildings; and it is expedient to establish One Record Office and a better Custody, and to allow the free Use of the said Records, as far as stands with their Safety and Integrity, and with the Public Policy of the Realm: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Records belonging to Her Majesty which now are or ought to be deposited in the several Record Offices, Courts, Places, and Custody herein-after mentioned; that is to say, in the Tower of *London*, Chapter House of *Westminster*, Rolls Chapel, Petty Bag Office, Offices in the Custody of the Queen's Remembrancer of the Exchequer or of any other Officer of the Exchequer, Augmentation Office, First Fruits and Tenths Office and the Office of the Land Revenue and Enrolments, or of the late Auditor of the Land Revenues of *England* and *Wales*, and the Records lately deposited in the Office of the Pells of the Exchequer and now in the Custody of Her Majesty's Comptroller of the Exchequer, and the Records belonging to the Courts of Chancery, Exchequer, and Admiralty, Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Marshalsea, in whatsoever Office or Place they may be deposited at the Time of the passing of this Act, and also all the Records of the lately abolished Courts of the Principality of *Wales* and Palatinates of *Chester* and *Durham* and of the *Isle of Ely*, shall from the passing of this Act be under the Charge and Superintendence of the Master of the Rolls for the Time being, in the Name and on the Behalf of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors; and until the Appointment of a Deputy Keeper and Assistant Keepers of the Records, as herein-after provided, the Persons now having the Care of any such Records shall continue to have the Charge of them, subject to such Orders as the Master of the Rolls is herein empowered to give concerning the same.

Records to be in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls.

Until Appointment of a Deputy and Assistants, the Persons in charge to continue so.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to order that Records belonging to Her Majesty deposited in any Office, Court, Place, or Custody other than as herein-before mentioned shall be thenceforth under the Charge and Superintendence of the Master of the Rolls; and thereupon the Provisions of this Act shall extend to all such Records, and to the Persons then having the Charge or Custody of the same, as fully as if such Office, Court, Place, or Custody had been named and included in this Act.

Queen in Council may order Records in other Offices to be included in this Act.

Accumulat-  
ing Records  
to be  
delivered  
from Time  
to Time to  
the Master  
of the Rolls

III. And be it enacted, That after the passing of this Act the Records of the Chancery of *England* shall be deemed to be in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, under the Authority of this Act, and subject to the Regulations hereby authorized to be made, and the Master of the Rolls shall by Warrant under his Hand from Time to Time appoint a fit Person or fit Persons to attend the several Courts, Offices, and Places aforesaid, and in his Name to receive and take charge of all other Records of which the Charge and Superintendence are hereby vested in him; and the Chief Judge of the Court or principal Officer of the Office to which the same shall belong, upon sight of the Warrant of the Person thereby appointed to take charge of the Records then to be delivered from that Court or Office into the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, shall give the necessary Orders to the proper Officer or Officers of his Court or Office for the Delivery thereof; and as soon as the said Records shall have been so delivered to the Person so appointed to receive the same, in pursuance of such Warrant, the same shall be deemed to be in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, and to be subject to the Regulations hereby authorized to be made; and the Person receiving any Records by virtue of any such Warrant shall thereupon deliver a Schedule thereof, and a Receipt for the same, under his Hand, to the Judge or Officer to whom the same shall be delivered: Provided always,

First, That no such Warrant be issued by the Master of the Rolls unless the same shall be first approved of, and countersigned by the Lord High Chancellor:

Secondly, That every such Warrant shall specify and describe the Records intended to be delivered to the Person thereby authorized to receive the same:

Thirdly, That the Master of the Rolls shall not issue any such Warrant for the Removal of any Records belonging to any of Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Common Law, or to the Court of Admiralty, unless or until the Records described in such Warrant shall be of the Age of Twenty Years from the making thereof, or if the same be under that Age, unless the Removal thereof shall have been requested by the Chief Judge of the Court to which the same shall belong:

Fourthly, That if it shall appear to the Chief Judge of any such Court that it will be conducive to the Ends of Justice, or to the due Performance of the Business of such Court, that any Record belonging thereto should not be delivered into the Custody of the Master of the Rolls as aforesaid, at the End of Twenty Years from the making thereof, it shall be lawful for such Chief Judge to certify such his Opinion to the Master of the Rolls; and that the Master of the Rolls, upon receiving such Certificate under the Hand of such Chief Judge, may and shall from Year to Year, but not for any Time longer than a Year without a new Certificate, abstain from issuing any Warrant for the Removal of the Records mentioned in such Certificate into his Custody:

Fifthly, That the Master of the Rolls shall not issue any Warrant for removing any Bills, Answers, Decrees, or Proceedings of the Court of Exchequer as a Court of Equity unless the same shall be first approved by the Lord Chief Baron of the same Court, nor for removing any Papers or Documents from the Registry of the High Court of Admiralty unless the same be first approved



by the Judge of the said Court, nor for removing any Records or Documents from the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments, or from the Office of Her Majesty's Comptroller of the Exchequer, unless the same shall be first approved by the Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Master of the Rolls shall have full Power to make such Orders as he may think fit for cleaning, repairing, preserving, and arranging all the Public Records under his Charge and Superintendence, and for making Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes to the same, and for such Purposes to cause any of the said Records to be from Time to Time removed from their present Place of Custody, and deposited in such safe Place or Places as the Master of the Rolls may order, by Warrant under his Hand, directed to the Person then having the same under his Care; and every such Warrant shall be kept among the Public Records in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, and shall be a sufficient Warrant for the Removal of such Records as shall be specified therein to the Place named in the Warrant; and such Removal of any Record by Authority of the Master of the Rolls shall not in any Manner affect the legal Authenticity of such Record, but the Place where any such Record shall be deposited and kept from Time to Time under the Authority of the Master of the Rolls shall be taken to be for the Time its legal Place of Deposit, and every such Record shall after any Removal under this Act, and in its new Place of Deposit, be of the same legal Validity, and be received or rejected as Evidence in all Courts and Proceedings, in the same Manner as if such Record had remained in the Custody in which it is at the Time of the passing of this Act.

Master of the  
Rolls to make  
Orders for the  
Preservation  
of the  
Records.

V. And be it enacted, That the Master of the Rolls, with the Approval of Her Majesty, shall appoint a fit Person duly qualified by his Knowledge of Records to be Deputy Keeper of the Records, and, subject to the like Approval of Her Majesty, may remove the Deputy Keeper of the Records, and appoint another Person in his Room; and the Deputy Keeper of the Records shall act as Chief Record Keeper under the Master of the Rolls, and shall superintend all Persons employed in keeping the Records in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, subject to such Directions as he may from Time to Time receive from the Master of the Rolls.

Deputy  
Keeper of  
the Records  
to be  
appointed.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, shall appoint a sufficient Number of Assistant Record Keepers, duly qualified as aforesaid, and all such other Officers and Servants as shall be necessary for the Purposes of this Act; and the Persons so appointed shall assist in executing this Act under the Superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records, in such Manner as the Master of the Rolls may direct; and the said Assistant Record Keepers shall be removeable at pleasure by the Master of the Rolls, and the other Officers and Servants shall be removeable at pleasure by the Master of the Rolls or by the Deputy Keeper of the Records, with the Approval of the Master of the Rolls: Provided always, that when any such Person

Appoint-  
ment of  
Assistant  
Record  
Keepers and  
other Officers.

shall have been removed from his Office the Fact of his Removal and a Statement of the Grounds thereof shall be reported to the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of the Treasury.

Treasury to provide additional Buildings for the Custody of Records.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall provide such suitable and proper or additional Building or Buildings as may be required for the Reception and safe Custody of all the Public Records which, under the Provisions of this Act, shall be in the legal Custody of the Master of the Rolls.

A Public Record Office to be established.

VIII. And be it enacted, That, as soon as conveniently may be after the Appointment of a Deputy Keeper of the Records under the Provisions of this Act, a Public Record Office shall be established under the Direction of the Master of the Rolls, and that the said Deputy Keeper of Records and the Assistant Record Keepers, and every other Person employed in the Care of the Records in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, wheresoever the same may be at any Time deposited, as well before as after the Time when such Building or Buildings as aforesaid shall have been provided, shall be taken to be employed in the Public Record Office; and that from and after the Time when such Record Office shall be established every Office or Place where Public Records which by the Authority of this Act are placed under the Charge and Superintendence of the Master of the Rolls are or shall be deposited shall be, so long as such Records shall remain therein, deemed and taken to be a Branch or Part of such Public Record Office.

Master of the Rolls to make Rules for the Management of the Office and the Admission of Persons using the Records;

IX. And be it enacted, That the Master of the Rolls shall have Power to make Rules for the Management of the said Public Record Office, and the Duties to be performed by the Deputy Keeper, Assistant Keepers, and other Officers thereof, and in like Manner for the Management of the present Record Offices, and the Duties to be performed therein, so long as they shall subsist, and also for the Admission of such Persons as ought to be admitted to the Use of the Records, Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes in his Custody, and to suspend, alter, or rescind such Rules, or any of them, and to fix the Amount of Fees (if any) which he shall think proper to be paid for the Use thereof respectively, and for making Copies of Records, as herein-after provided, and from Time to Time to vary the same as he shall think fit; and also to make Rules for dispensing with the Payment of Fees in such Cases as he shall think fit; and every such Rule shall be laid by the Master of the Rolls before both Houses of Parliament within Six Weeks after it is made, or after the next Meeting of Parliament: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to affect the Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Regulation of the Proceedings and Practice of certain Officers of the High Court of Chancery in England*, or the Order made or to be made in pursuance thereof, so far as relates to such of the Records of the Court of Chancery as shall not be removed from their present places of Custody under the Power herein-before contained, or to the Fees payable for Searches in and Copies of such Records.

and for dispensing with Fees in certain Cases.

Nothing herein to affect 3 & 4 W. 4, c. 94.

Fees to be paid into the Exchequer.

X. And be it enacted, That the Deputy Keeper of the Records shall keep or cause to be kept an Account of all Fees which shall be paid for the Use of the Records in the Custody of the Master of the



Rolls, and shall pay the Amount thereof monthly into the Bank of *England* to the Credit of the Exchequer, and the Amount thereof shall be carried to the Account of the Consolidated Fund ; and the Person by whom such Account shall be kept shall be considered as a Public Accountant, and within all Provisions concerning Public Accountants in the Acts for examining and auditing the Public Accounts.

XI. And be it enacted, That the Master of the Rolls shall cause to be made a Seal of the said Record Office, and shall cause to be sealed or stamped therewith all certified copies made as herein-after provided of any Records in his Custody.

Seal of the Record Office to be provided.

XII. And be it enacted, That the Master of the Rolls or Deputy Keeper of the Records may allow Copies to be made of any Records in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, at the Request and Costs of any Person desirous of procuring the same ; and any Copy so made shall be examined and certified as a true and authentic Copy by the Deputy Keeper of the Records, or One of the Assistant Record Keepers aforesaid, and shall be sealed or stamped with the Seal of the Record Office, and delivered to the Party for whose Use it was made.

Power to order the making of authentic Copies of Records, which shall be sealed.

XIII. And be it enacted, That every Copy of a Record in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, certified as aforesaid, and purporting to be sealed or stamped with the Seal of the Record Office, shall be received as Evidence in all Courts of Justice, and before all legal Tribunals, and before either House of Parliament, or any Committee of either House, without any further or other proof thereof, in every Case in which the original Record could have been received there as Evidence.

Such Copies, sealed with the Seal of the Record Office, to be received in Evidence.

XIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to cause to be printed, from Time to Time, such Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes of the Records, and also such Records, in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, as the Secretary of State may select, or as the Master of the Rolls shall recommend as fit to be printed : Provided always, that an Estimate of the probable Cost to be thereby occasioned shall be laid in every case before Parliament, and that no such Expense shall be incurred until the Sum estimated for making Provision for the same shall have been voted by Parliament.

Calendars, Indexes, and Records may be printed.

XV. And be it enacted, That all Records, Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes of the said Records which shall be printed as aforesaid under the Direction of the Secretary of State shall be published and sold for such reasonable sums which shall be approved by the Secretary of State ; and the Proceeds of all such Sales shall be paid into the Bank of *England*, to the Credit of the Exchequer, and carried to the Account of the Consolidated Fund : Provided nevertheless, that so many printed copies of any such Records, Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes as the Secretary of State from Time to Time shall direct may be presented gratuitously to Public Offices, Institutions, and Libraries in this or any other Realm or Country.

Printed Copies of Records to be sold.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall have Power to purchase, for the Use of the Public Record Office, any private Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes to the Public Records which the Master of the Rolls shall recommend as fit to be purchased ;

Power to purchase private Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes.

and every Calendar, Catalogue, and Index to any Records in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls which shall be compiled, continued, or copied, after the passing of this Act, by any Person belonging to or employed in the Public Record Office, excepting such printed Copies which shall be sold or given away by the Authority aforesaid, shall belong to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Use of the Public Record Office.

Annual  
Report to be  
made to  
Parliament  
by Deputy  
Keeper of  
Records.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the Deputy Keeper of the Records under the Direction of the Master of the Rolls, shall once in every year report to Her Majesty the Proceedings had in the Execution of this Act ; and every such Report shall be signed by the Deputy Keeper of the Records and Master of the Rolls, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Compensa-  
tion to  
present  
Record  
Keepers.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That all Keepers of Records and Persons deriving Emolument from any Office to which the Custody of Records is attached, or from Fees for searching or copying Records by virtue of any Office holden by them or any of them before or at the passing of this Act, whose Office, Profits, or Emoluments shall in anywise be affected by the passing of this Act, may deliver to the Master of the Rolls a Statement in Writing of any Losses they may thereby sustain, or of the Manner in which they may be thereby affected, and the Master of the Rolls shall have Power thereupon to examine the Parties and such other Persons as he may think fit, and shall report such Statements, and the Result of such Examinations, with his Opinion thereon, to the Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, who may award such Compensation to the said Record Keepers and Officers as the Lord High Treasurer or any Three or more Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may think fit ; and the Payment of any such Compensation shall be taken to be an Expense incurred for the Purposes of this Act : Provided always, that Account shall be taken of such Compensation in any Salary or Emolument to which any Person to whom the same shall be awarded may become entitled in virtue of any Appointment in the Public Record Office or elsewhere in Her Majesty's Service : Provided also, that every Person who shall receive any Compensation under this Act shall, if appointed, take upon himself the Office of Assistant Record Keeper in the Public Record Office, without prejudice nevertheless to his Right to Compensation under this Act, if afterwards removed from the said Office for any Cause other than for Misbehaviour : Provided also, that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall in the first instance appoint the Assistant Record Keepers and other Officers and Servants in the Public Record Office from among such of the Persons entitled to Compensation under this Act whom they shall judge to be in all respects competent and fit to be appointed to such Office or Service respectively.

Certifying as  
true any false  
Copies of  
Records a  
Felony.

XIX. And be it enacted, That every Person belonging to or employed in the said Public Record Office who shall certify any Writing as a true and authentic copy of a Record in the Custody of the Master of the Rolls, knowing the same to be false in any material Part, and every Person who shall counterfeit the Signature of an Assistant Record Keeper for the Purpose of counterfeiting a certified Copy of a Record, or shall forge or counterfeit the Seal of the Public Record Office, shall



be guilty of Felony, and being duly convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life, or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Four Years.

XX. And be it enacted, That in this Act the Word "Records" shall be taken to mean all Rolls, Records, Writs, Books, Proceedings, Decrees, Bills, Warrants, Accounts, Papers, and Documents whatsoever of a public Nature belonging to Her Majesty, or now deposited in any of the Offices or Places of Custody before mentioned. Interpretation Clause.

XXI. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be amended or repealed.

## II.—AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE ACT, 1838.

[14th August, 1877.]

40 & 41 Victoria, Cap. 55.

WHEREAS the Public Record Office was established in pursuance of the Public Record Office Act, 1838, and divers records and papers (in this Act referred to as documents) are deposited in or can be removed to that office and are there under the charge of the Master of the Rolls in England for the time being : 1 & 2 Vict.  
c. 94.

And whereas it is expedient to prevent the Public Record Office from being encumbered with documents of not sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. The Master of the Rolls, with the approval of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and such further approval in the case of certain documents as is herein-after mentioned, may, if he sees fit, from time to time make, and when made, revoke, add to, and vary rules respecting the disposal by destruction or otherwise of documents which are deposited in or can be removed to the Public Record Office, and which are not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office. Power to make rules as to disposal of valueless documents.

Such rules shall,—

- (1.) So far as they relate to documents of any Court mentioned in section three of the Public Record Office Act, 1838, be made with the further approval of the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain ; and
- (2.) So far as they relate to documents removed or about to be removed to the Public Record Office from the office of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State or other department of the Government (except the Treasury), be made with the further approval of such Secretary of State or head of such department.

Before the power of disposal given by this section shall be exercised as to any documents, the Master of the Rolls shall cause a Schedule

to be prepared of the documents for the time being proposed to be disposed of, containing a list of the documents, and such particulars as to their character and contents as may be calculated to enable the Houses of Parliament to judge of the expediency of disposing of such documents in the proposed manner; but where there shall be several documents of the same class or description, it shall be sufficient to classify them, as far as practicable, according to their nature and contents, instead of specifying each document separately, and the power of disposal given by this section shall not be exercised in respect of any documents until the schedule relating to such documents before required has been submitted to both Houses of Parliament for a period of not less than four weeks.

No rule made in pursuance of this section shall provide for the disposal of any document of older date than the year One thousand seven hundred and fifteen.

Every rule made in pursuance of this section shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and when the same has lain not less than sixty days before both Houses of Parliament it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to declare her approbation of the rule or any part of the rule, from which rule or part Her Majesty has not been prayed by an address of either House of Parliament to withhold her approbation.

Every such rule when approved by Order in Council shall be deemed to have been within the powers of this Act and duly made, and shall, while in force, have effect as if it were enacted by Parliament.

2. Whereas by the ninth section of the Act of the session of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and forty-nine, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the relief of prisoners in contempt of the High Court of Chancery, and pauper defendants, and for the more efficient despatch of business in the said Court," it is enacted that the deeds, books, documents, and papers belonging to the suitors in the Court of Chancery which had been theretofore under the custody of the Masters in Ordinary of the said Court (and which are herein-after referred to as Chancery Masters Documents) should be transferred to the custody of the Clerks of Records and Writs of the said Court, and the Master of the Rolls is authorised to appoint a person to have the care of the said Chancery Masters Documents, at a salary not exceeding the sum therein mentioned, and such documents have since remained at the offices in Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, where the same were deposited at the passing of the said Act.

And whereas it is expedient to make further provision with respect to the Chancery Masters Documents: Be it therefore enacted, that—

The Chancery Masters Documents shall, after the passing of this Act, be under the charge and superintendence of the Master of the Rolls for the time being under the Public Record Office Act, 1838, in like manner as if they were Records within the meaning of that Act and this Act, subject as follows:

- (1.) No person shall be entitled to inspect the same without the consent of the Master of the Rolls and the Treasury, and
- (2.) The Master of the Rolls, with the approval of the Treasury, may take such measures as may seem best for ascertaining the lawful owners of any of such documents, and may cause the same to be delivered to such lawful owners.

Disposal of documents of Masters' Offices transferred by 23 & 24 Vict. c. 149.

1 & 2 Vict. c. 94.



Section nine of the Act above recited in this section shall be construed as if the words Master of the Rolls were substituted therein for the words Clerks of Records and Writs wherever used in the said section.

3. This Act shall be construed as one with the Act of the session of the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ninety-four, intituled "An Act for keeping safely the Public Records," which Act is in this Act referred to and may be cited as the Public Record Office Act, 1838, and that Act and this Act may be cited together as the Public Record Offices Acts, 1838 and 1877, and this Act may be cited as the Public Record Office Act, 1877.

Construction  
and short  
title.

### III.—AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE ACT, 1877.

[1st July, 1898.]

61 & 62 Victoria, Cap. 12.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. Section one of the Public Record Office Act, 1877 (which gives power to make rules as to the disposal of valueless documents), shall have effect as if for the words "One thousand seven hundred and fifteen" were substituted the words "One thousand six hundred and sixty," and as if for the words "sixty days" were substituted the words "nine weeks."

Amendment  
of 40 & 41  
Vict. c. 55 as  
to rules.

2. This Act may be cited as the Public Record Office Act, 1898, and the Public Record Office Acts, 1838 and 1877, and this Act may be cited collectively as the Public Record Office Acts, 1838 to 1898.

Short title.  
1 & 2 Vict.  
c. 94.  
40 & 41 Vict.  
c. 55.

## APPENDIX II.

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### **Rules and Regulations made by the Master of the Rolls respecting the Public Use of the Records.**

1. The Search Rooms shall be open to persons desiring to inspect Records or Documents on every day, except Sunday, Christmas Day and the following day, Good Friday, Easter Eve, Easter Monday, Monday in Whitsun week, His Majesty's Birthday, the first Monday in August, and days appointed for public holidays.

The hours of admission and attendance shall be from 10 to 4.30, except on Saturdays, when they shall be from 10 to 2.

2. Every person making use of the Search Rooms for the purpose of consulting the Records or the Indexes thereto shall write his or her name and full address, daily, in the attendance book kept for the purpose.

3. Records in the statutory custody of the Master of the Rolls, Records of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Records of the late State Paper Office, shall be open to public inspection subject to the conditions mentioned below and to the payment of the Fees specified in the Schedule hereto annexed.

4. Persons wishing to inspect such Records of an earlier date than the year 1801 free of charge may obtain "Students' Tickets" on making written application to the Secretary of the Public Record Office on the form provided for that purpose. In the case of Foreign Students an introduction will be required from their respective Embassies or Legations.

5. Records of the several Government Departments are open to inspection by persons holding "Students' Tickets" down to the years specified by the heads of such Departments.

6. Collections of Transcripts and Documents presented to the Public Record Office or deposited therein for the public use may be inspected under the same conditions as the Records of Government Departments.

7. Documents deposited in the Public Record Office by various Departments of State, and not open to public inspection, shall only be produced subject to such conditions as the heads of the respective Departments shall from time to time impose.

8. No umbrellas, sticks, or bags shall be taken into any Search Room, and no parcels shall be placed upon the tables.

9. A separate ticket shall be clearly written and signed by every person desiring to inspect or search any Record or Document for each Record or Document required, and such ticket shall be given by such person to the officer in charge of the room before any Record or Document can be produced to the applicant.

10. No person shall have more than three Records or Documents inclusive out at a time except by special permission of the officer in charge of the Room.



11. A list of all Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes intended for the use of the public shall be kept in each of the Search Rooms, and shall be revised from time to time. Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes not mentioned therein, or withdrawn therefrom, shall not be produced in any Search Room without an order from the Deputy Keeper.

12. Records not mentioned in any such list, and Records in course of arrangement, shall not be produced without an order from the Deputy Keeper.

13. Records and Documents of exceptional value, and Records and Documents in fragile condition, shall be produced singly, or subject to such conditions as the officer in charge of the room shall, in the particular case, think requisite for their safety and integrity.

14. Records and Documents when done with shall forthwith be returned by the person to whom they have been produced to the officer in charge of the room, or to one of the attendants, in exchange for the tickets referring to them, and every such person shall be held responsible for the Records or Documents issued to him or her, so long as his or her ticket shall remain with an officer of the Public Record Office.

15. A fresh ticket, clearly written and signed by the person to whom Records or Documents have been produced, or bearing the words "kept out," shall be required for every Record and Document kept out from one day to another for the convenience of such person.

16. No person shall lean upon any Records, Documents, or Books belonging to the Public Record Office, or place upon them the paper on which he or she is writing, and the greatest care must be exercised in handling all books and documents.

17. No person other than an officer of the Record Office shall make any mark, in pencil or otherwise, upon any Record, Document, or Book belonging to the Public Record Office.

18. Ink shall not be used in the Legal or the Literary Search Room by any person admitted thereto for the purpose of inspecting or searching Records or Documents.

19. Tracings of Records or Documents shall not be made by any person without specific permission from the officer in charge of the room.

20. Persons admitted to the Search Rooms shall replace the Calendars, Catalogues, and Indexes used by them on the shelves as soon as they are done with.

21. Records, Documents, Books, or other articles belonging to the Public Record Office, shall not be removed from one room to another without the specific permission of the officer in charge of the room nor by any other person than one of the officials.

22. Silence shall be maintained in the Search Rooms as far as possible.

23. The officer in charge of any Search Room shall be empowered to exclude persons from the Public Record Office for any of the following

reasons : Wilful breach of any of the foregoing Rules and Regulations, persistent disregard of the officer's authority, damage of any sort to any Record or article belonging to the Public Record Office, conduct, language, habits, unseemly dress, or any other matter offensive or likely to be reasonably offensive, to others using the Public Record Office. Provided always that the exclusion of any person shall be forthwith notified in writing with the cause thereof to the Deputy Keeper, who shall enquire into the circumstances, and whose order, unless reversed by the Master of the Rolls, shall be final.

Table of Fees, payable in every case by Stamps.

	£	s.	d.
For the inspection of any document, roll or book, per diem	0	1	6
For the inspection of a number of documents, not exceeding ten, in any one suit, action or matter, per diem ...	0	4	0
For Authenticated Copies of Records or Documents in English of earlier date than 1715, or in any other language of any date :—			
For a copy not exceeding two folios of 72 words ...	0	5	0
For longer copies, per folio ... ..	0	2	0
For Authenticated Copies of Records or Documents in English, between the years 1715 and 1875 inclusive, not exceeding in length two folios of 72 words ...	0	2	6
For longer copies, per folio ... ..	0	1	0
For Authenticated Copies of Records or Documents in English of later date than 1875, not exceeding five folios in length ... ..	0	2	6
For every additional folio ... ..	0	0	6
Copies of documents of abnormal difficulty will be charged for by the time occupied in copying and examining at the rate of, per hour ... ..	0	10	0
<i>(This rate will not be charged without previous notice to the person bespeaking the copy).</i>			
Copies of Maps, Plans, Drawings, &c., by the hour ...	0	4	0
Certifying the authenticity of photographic reproduction, per sheet ... ..	0	2	6
The statute 54-55 Victoria, cap. 39, imposes in addition stamp duty of one shilling on copies from documents belonging to Courts of Law and Equity, not being legal proceedings.			
For Attendance at the Royal Courts of Justice or elsewhere to produce Records for the purpose of evidence, per diem	3	3	0
For Attendance on the Master of the Rolls on a Vacatur ...	0	10	0

These Rules and Regulations shall take effect on the first of May, 1921, in substitution for the existing Rules and Regulations, which shall as from that day cease to have any operation.

(Signed) STERNDALÉ, M.R.

22nd April, 1921.



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## NATURE AND ORIGIN OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF LAW.

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The term Court or Curia was originally used to denote simply the palace or residence of the King, but came eventually to have a more especial signification, namely, that of the place in which justice was administered.

The Curia Regis, Aula Regis, or King's Court, as at first constituted, corresponded almost exactly to the present High Court of Justice, including in itself Chancery, Exchequer, and Common Law Divisions, whilst the Court of Appeal was represented by the Concilium Regis or Select Council, the whole forming a Supreme Court of Judicature. From it, and from the Council, the several Courts of Chancery, King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer were gradually differentiated, to be re-united after the lapse of centuries by the Judicature Act passed in the reign of Queen Victoria, and placed under the superior jurisdiction of a Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Judicature of early Norman times being thus practically re-constituted.

The name Curia Regis was in its earlier and wider sense applied to an assembly exercising both legislative and judicial functions which, under the Norman rule, supplied in all probability the place of the Saxon Wittena-gemote or Common Council.

In the Curia Regis were discussed and tried all pleas immediately concerning the King and the Realm, and suitors were allowed upon payment of small fines to remove their complaints from inferior jurisdictions of Saxon origin into this Court, so that, in the reign of Henry I, it had become the regular Court of Appeal from all the Courts of ordinary jurisdiction.

These inferior tribunals, such as the Sheriffs' or County Courts, the Hundred Courts, and the Courts Baron, were so numerous as to cause serious inconvenience, and the ignorance or partiality of the judges gave rise to much venality and debasement of the laws. To put a stop to these irregularities, men 'versed and experienced in the laws and constitution of the Realm' were appointed as Itinerant Justices to go on circuits through every part of the kingdom, and to hear and determine pleas, as well civil and criminal as pleas of the Crown, arising within the several districts assigned to them, and these appointments were finally established at the Council of Northampton in the 22nd year of Henry the Second, the kingdom being divided into six circuits, to each of which three judges were assigned.

Two years later, the King made enquiry into the proceedings of these justices and, according to the chronicle of Benedict Abbas, 'finding that the country and the men of the country were greatly oppressed by the multiplicity of the justices, for they were eighteen in number, by the advice of the wise men of the realm chose five only, two clerks and three laymen, all members of his private household. These five he ordered to hear all the complaints of the

kingdom, and to do right therein, and that they should not depart from the King's Court but remain there to hear the complaints of his subjects, so that if any question should come up amongst them which could not be brought to an end by them, it should be presented to the royal hearing and be terminated as it should please the King and the wiser men of the realm.'

This appears to mark, not only the establishment of the CURIA REGIS as a permanent legal tribunal apart from its legislative functions but also of the KING IN COUNCIL as a Court of final appeal.

Although the central jurisdiction of the Curia Regis was thus entrusted to a body of five judges, Justices Itinerant continued to go their circuits, though in greatly reduced numbers, the kingdom being re-arranged into four circuits in 1179. Soon after the issue of Magna Charta, the visitations of the Justices in Eyre became less frequent and they were gradually and finally superseded by the devolution of their functions on the Justices of Assize who were first appointed in pursuance of the statute of 13 Edward I.

The existence of distinct departments of the Curia Regis seems to be indicated at a very early period. Thus Pleas of the Crown together with Common Pleas both of a civil and criminal nature were decided by the Justices specially appointed for that purpose, whilst complaints of a fiscal nature were referred to the Barons of the Exchequer, and petitions addressed to the sovereign but not deemed to be of sufficient importance to be brought before the King and Council appear to have been disposed of by the Chancellor, who was a very important member of the Curia and in whose office all writs issued by the Court were originally drawn up and sealed.

The final separation of the Curia Regis into the three Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer appears to have originated in the 8th clause of Magna Charta, which directed that the Common Pleas should no longer follow the King, but should be heard thenceforward in Westminster Hall.

From that date the King's Court, subsequently the King's Bench, and the Common Bench or Court of Common Pleas became practically distinct, although no actual separation took place and each Court continued to describe itself as the 'Court of our Lord the King.' The Pleas, however, early in the reign of Henry III fell into distinct classes as 'Pleas before the King himself' and 'Pleas before the Justices of our Lord the King at Westminster' or 'Pleas before the Justices of the Bench.' It was not until the reign of Edward I that the Justices who followed the King began to be spoken of as forming a 'Bench,' the term having been previously applied only to the Justices sitting at Westminster.

From the commencement of that reign, however, there appear to have been two benches, the 'King's Bench' and the 'Common Bench' or Court of Common Pleas. Rolls of the Curia Regis exist for the reigns of Richard I, John, and Henry III, those of the last mentioned reign including records both of the Justices who followed the King and of the Justices at Westminster. Subsequent to the latter reign, the Plea Rolls are sub-divided into Rolls of the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas respectively.



The Exchequer division of the Curia Regis retaining its ancient title became the 'Court of Exchequer,' and Rolls of 'Pleas before the Barons of the Exchequer' are extant from the 20th year of Henry the Third.

The erection of the Chancery into an independent tribunal did not take place until a much later period, probably in the earlier part of the reign of Edward III, when many of the functions of the Concilium Regis devolved on the Chancellor.

The *Concilium Regis* or Select Council appears to have been a body of men chosen by the King from amongst the 'sapientiores regni' and such as were learned in the laws and customs of England to assist him in the exercise of his sovereignty and in the administration of justice. It was composed of the Chancellor, the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, the King's Justices, certain of the great Officers of State, and such others as it pleased the King to summon. It was distinct from the Great Council or National Assembly, which met only at stated intervals, being permanently attached to the King, whom it followed in all his progresses throughout the kingdom, petitions being referred to it and remedies provided by it without delay and without waiting for the meetings of the Greater Council.

When, however, the Greater Council of the Kingdom, or at a later period the Parliament, was in session, the King's Council appears to have acted as a branch thereof, or rather as a parliamentary committee, all petitions being submitted to it in the first place and statutes framed thereon by it which were subsequently brought into the Parliament. It also exercised a remedial authority with regard to the petitions of individuals, and to it, as has been stated, appeal was directed to be made from the Curia Regis in doubtful and intricate cases. The petitions addressed to the Council with the minutes and proceedings thereon are preserved amongst the Ancient Petitions and Parliamentary Proceedings of the Court of Chancery.

The Chancellor was one of the most prominent members of the Council and to him petitions were generally referred in the first instance, especially in cases which involved questions of the law. He does not appear, however, to have acted independently of the Council until the reign of Edward III, when he, in conjunction with the Keeper of the Privy Seal, was invested with full power to exercise jurisdiction in matters of grace and favour, and from this point the Court of Chancery may be considered to have branched off from the Council as an independent tribunal.

Although thenceforward a great number of petitions formerly addressed to the King and Council were addressed to the Chancellor direct, the jurisdiction of the Council continued to be very widely exercised, more especially in cases dealing with alleged violence and the like and such as could not be effectively dealt with in law. So much was this the practice that in the reign of Richard II, and again in that of Henry V, complaints were made by the Commons that many persons were brought unnecessarily before the Chancellor or the Council in cases which were determinable by the Common Law.

By the Statute of 3 Henry VII certain offences were defined as being peculiarly the province of the Council which then, and for

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many years previously, sat in a Chamber of the Palace of Westminster known as the 'Starred Chamber.' Such were maintenance, embracery, misdemeanours of Sheriffs, the taking of money by jurors, and riots and unlawful assemblies.

The Council, or such a portion of it as was then designated thereafter received a distinctive name, and as the 'Court of Star Chamber' continued to exercise the jurisdiction thus committed to it until the abolition of that Court in 1641.

The 'Court of Requests,' which was a court for Civil causes and for the expedition of poor men's suits, also had its origin in the Council, the Keeper of the Privy Seal, who was a member of the King's Council, and who by the Proclamation of 22 Edward III was directed to act with the Chancellor in matters of grace and favour, being, by an Order of 13 Richard II regulating the Council, specially designated to superintend the examination and dispatch of bills of 'people of the lesser charge.' This Court was established as a definite tribunal 'for the expedition of poor men's causes depending in the Starred Chamber' in the 9th year of Henry VII, the Lord Privy Seal being appointed President of the Court.

Thus, as the Curia Regis finally resolved itself into several Courts of Common Law, namely, those of the King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, so the King's Council sub-divided itself into Courts of Equity, as the Court of Chancery, the Court of Star Chamber, and the Court of Requests.

The only jurisdiction now retained by the Privy Council, which is the modern representative of the Concilium Regis, is that of a Court of Appeal for the Colonies and Dependencies of the Crown and in Ecclesiastical and Admiralty Causes, and also in matters of lunacy and idiotcy which are considered as belonging to the royal prerogative.

## RECORDS OF THE CHANCERY.

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The separate and independent jurisdiction of the Chancery as a Court of Justice does not appear to have been finally established until the reign of Edward III, during which the Chancery ceased to follow the King and became stationary at Westminster.

Originally it was a department or branch of the Curia Regis, in which the Chancellor acted as the King's principal Secretary and confidential adviser, having the direction and conduct of all foreign affairs and performing in fact such duties as are now entrusted to the several Secretaries of State. The Chancellor was usually a bishop or prelate and was also the head of the King's chapel, and in the earlier periods of English history his confessor, from which circumstance he was frequently styled the Keeper of the King's conscience. He had the custody of the Great Seal and the supervision of all Charters, Letters Patent, Letters Close, Commissions, Treaties, Ratifications and other public instruments which were passed by him under the Great Seal and subsequently enrolled, according to their nature, on the several series of rolls kept in his office. He also sealed all original Writs and Precepts issuing from the Curia Regis and acted jointly with the other officers of that Court at the Exchequer and elsewhere.

His rank in the Council was very high, and to him all petitions addressed to the King in Council appear to have been referred in the first instance, more especially such as involved questions of law.

His position therein is, however, more precisely defined by a proclamation of the 22nd year of Edward III, enrolled on the Close Roll of that date, which declares the King's pleasure that all matters brought before him should be dealt with as follows:—'Matters of common law' by the Chancellor and 'matters of grace' by the Chancellor or the Keeper of the Privy Seal, and that only such petitions as could not be determined by them should be referred to the King in order to ascertain his further pleasure therein. From this date the jurisdiction of the Chancellor in matters of equity, which, however, he at first shared with the Keeper of the Privy Seal, may be considered to commence.

Pleadings on Writs of 'venire facias' or 'scire facias' appear, however, to have taken place 'coram Cancellario domini Regis' or 'coram Domino Rege in Cancellaria sua' long before this date, the earliest known example of such proceedings bearing date in the reign of Edward I.

The jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery was thus from a very early period of two kinds, *ordinary* and *extraordinary*.

The ordinary jurisdiction was that wherein the Court, in its proceedings and judgments, was bound to observe the order and method of the Common Law, and the extraordinary jurisdiction was that which the Court exercised in matters of equity.

The ordinary Court held plea of recognizances acknowledged in the Chancery, on writs of *scire facias* for repeal of letters patent, writs of



partition, &c., and also of all personal actions by or against officers of the Court; and all Original Writs, Commissions of bankruptcy, lunacy, idiocy, charitable uses, and other Commissions issued out of this Court.

The extraordinary Court, or Court of Equity, proceeded by the rules of equity and conscience, and moderated the rigour of the Common Law, considering the *intention* rather than the words of the law, 'equity being the correction of that wherein the law, by reason of its universality, is deficient.'

A suit to the equity jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery was commenced by preferring a bill (signed by Counsel) in the nature of a petition to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal. If the suit, however, was instituted on behalf of the Crown, or of those whose rights are under its protection, as the objects of a public charity, the matter of complaint was offered by way of an Information presented by the proper officer, usually the Attorney-General.

Except in some few instances, bills and informations subsequent to the reign of Richard III have been always in the English language; and a suit thus preferred is therefore commonly termed a suit by *English Bill*, by way of distinction from the proceedings in suits within the ordinary jurisdiction of the Court, which, till the statute of 4 Geo. II, were entered and enrolled in the French or Latin tongue in the same manner as the pleadings in the other Courts of Common Law.

The proceedings on the Common Law side of Chancery consist, as stated above, of pleas on matters of record, viz., on Writs of 'Scire Facias' for the repeal of the Letters Patent; on Writs of partition of land in coparcenary and for dower; upon recognizances acknowledged pursuant to statute merchant and statute staple; in traverses of offices found for the Crown by inquisition; and in matters of lunacy and idiocy, &c.

When any fact was disputed on a 'Scire Facias,' &c., and issue was joined thereon, it was transmitted to the Court of King's Bench for trial, and finally adjudicated in that Court and not afterwards returned into Chancery, except when a tenor of the proceedings was asked for by a Writ of Certiorari. None of the Records delivered by the Chancellor to the Chief Justice of the King's Bench were ever remanded back into Chancery.

It appears from a Petition to Parliament in the second year of Henry IV that when an issue of fact was joined on the Common Law side of Chancery, the Chancellor, instead of sending the issue to be tried in the Court of King's Bench, was in the habit of calling the Common Law Judges into Chancery to assist him in the discussion of such issues, 'to the great delay of the law and the damage of the people'; but the matter appears to have been left to the Chancellor's discretion.

A few of these pleas are still extant amongst the Placita in Cancellaria.

The Principal Officers of the Court of Chancery, in addition to the Master of the Rolls and the Vice-Chancellors, were as follows:—

The MASTERS IN CHANCERY, to whom references were made relating to matters of practice, the state of the proceedings and accounts in Chancery suits, &c., whereof they made reports to the Court. They also executed the orders of the Court, and by their reports certified in what manner they had executed such orders. They had the custody of such title deeds and original instruments as the Court thought fit to place under their care. Answers and affidavits were also sworn before

them, and they took the acknowledgments of deeds, recognizances, &c., intended to be enrolled, and executed all business of that kind. Each Master executed the orders of reference made to him independently of the other Masters.

The Masters in Ordinary in Chancery were abolished in 1852 by Stat. 15 & 16 Vict., c. 80, which also empowered each of the Chancery Judges to appoint two CHIEF CLERKS to assist in the business of the Court.

The SIX CLERKS in Chancery, or 'Prothonotaries,' whose duty it was to receive and file all bills, answers, replications, and other records on causes on the equity side of the Court of Chancery, and to enter memoranda of them in books, from which they were to certify to the Court as occasion should require the state of the proceedings in the various causes.

Each of the Six Clerks was assisted by a certain number of under clerks, or sworn clerks, of whom there were generally ten to each clerk, the whole number being known as the SIXTY CLERKS.

All the Records in the Office of the Six Clerks remained in their respective studies for the space of six terms, in order that the sworn clerks might resort to them when necessary without fee. After that time they were sorted into bundles and deposited in the Record room.

In addition to these duties the Six Clerks made out certain Warrants and Patents, such as Patents for Ambassadors, Sheriffs' Patents, &c.

The Six Clerks were abolished by Stat. 5 & 6 Vict., and their duties transferred to the Clerks of Records and Writs.

The CURSITORS, called also Clerks of Course or *Clerici de Cursu*, made out all original writs and processes returnable in the Courts of King's Bench and elsewhere. They were 24 in number, and were abolished by Stat. 5 & 6 Wm. IV, and their duties transferred to the Petty Bag Office.

The CLERKS OF RECORDS AND WRITS were appointed by Stat. 5 & 6 Vict., 1842, to succeed to the duties and Records of the Six Clerks in Chancery.

The REGISTRARS. The duties of the Registrars were to attend the Court and take minutes of all directions given, and to draw up the decrees, dismissions, and orders, which they entered in Registers.

The 'Report Office' was a branch of the Registrars' Office, and in it were received and filed all Reports and Certificates made by the Masters and the Accountant-General. To it on the first day of Michaelmas term in each year were transferred the Decrees and Orders of the previous year, and in the Report Office were kept the Entry Books of Decrees and Orders from the time of Henry VIII inclusive. In the Report Office was also kept an account of all moneys, funds, and effects belonging to the suitors of the Court, of which a similar account was kept at the Bank of England, and another at the Accountant-General's Office.

The CLERK OF THE HANAPER. The duties of the Clerk of the Hanaper were to get in the several ancient revenues of the Crown made payable to the Clerk of the Hanaper for the time being, and to pay thereout certain salaries and allowances to divers officers of the Court of Chancery by virtue of patents or of warrants under the authority of the Lord Chancellor, &c. Accounts of these receipts and payments were made up and passed annually in the Exchequer.

It was also the duty of this Officer to take an account of all patents, commissions, and grants that pass the Great Seal, and to register the same in his office ; to collect the ancient fees thereon, and to account for certain proportions to the King, and to divers officers of the Court of Chancery.

The Hanaper Office was so called from the ancient practice of keeping the writs and returns relating to the business of the subject in the *hamper*, 'in hanaperio,' while those relating to such matters as immediately concerned the Crown were kept in a little sack or bag *in parva бага*, whence the title of the Petty Bag Office.

**THE CLERKS OF THE PETTY BAG.** These were originally three in number, and a great variety of business passed through their hands. They made out all Writs of Summons to Parliament, and the Writs of Congé d'élire for the electing of Archbishops and Bishops, with the Royal Assents, Patents of Assistance and Restitution of Temporalities thereto belonging, and all patents for the appointment of Collectors of Customs, Searchers, and Tidewaiters.

They also made out all attachments of privilege, and drew up the declarations and pleadings for and against officers of the Court of Chancery and other privileged persons, and also on traverses of escheats and lunacies. They drew up all proceedings on Writs of Scire facias, and other proceedings on recognizances and bonds enrolled in Chancery, and made out all re-extents and liberates on the Statute Staple. They made out all special Writs of Scire facias to remove letters patent ; Commissions to inquire of lands purchased by aliens, or given to superstitious uses, or derelict by the sea, and of all estates escheated or forfeited to the Crown for want of an heir, or by attainder, outlawry, or conviction of treason or felony ; and Writs of Certiorari for removing Acts of Parliament and other Records into Chancery, which were then filed in the Petty Bag Office for the information of the Court.

They administered the oaths to Solicitors and various officers of the Court of Chancery, and enrolled their admissions. They also enrolled Surrenders of Offices, and until the Stat. 5 & 6 Wm. IV, the Specifications of patent inventions, and transacted a variety of other business. On the abolition of the Cursitors, their duties were transferred to this office.

By Stat. 11 & 12 Vict., c. 94, the Clerks of the Petty Bag were reduced to a single Clerk, and the office was finally abolished in 1889.

**THE CLERK OF THE CUSTODIES.** It was the duty of this Officer to make out Commissions of idiotcy and lunacy, and to transact the business connected therewith.

The office was abolished by Stat. 2 & 3 Wm. IV, and the duties transferred to the Secretary of Lunatics.

**THE CLERK OF THE PRESENTATIONS.** This officer made out the Letters Patent for grants of all ecclesiastical benefices and dignities (except bishoprics) in the gift of the Crown, of which he kept docket books, the grants being enrolled in the Patent Rolls.

**THE CLERK OF THE DISPENSATIONS AND FACULTIES.** The duties of the Dispensation Office in Chancery were to make out and register confirmations of bishops' commendams, and of dispensations and doctors' degrees granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and also to register Master of Arts' degrees and notarial faculties granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. These confirmations were then passed under the Great Seal and enrolled on Rolls called Dispensation Rolls.



**THE CLERK OF THE LETTERS PATENT.** This officer was appointed by Letters Patent 16 Jas. I, and his duty was to write and dispatch all grants, confirmations, charters, and letters patent under the Great Seal, the writing whereof did not belong or had not been already granted to any other officer of the Court of Chancery. The office was abolished by Stat. 2 & 3 Wm. IV.

**THE CLERK OF THE CROWN.** The duties of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery were as follows :—

To attend continually the Lord Chancellor in person or by deputy, to write and prepare for the Great Seal all Commissions for the King's service, viz., Commissions of Lieutenancy, of Justices of Assize, of Oyer and Terminer, Gaol Delivery, and Commissions of the Peace, &c.

He also made out all general and special pardons, writs for summoning Peers to Parliament on their creation or succession ; and writs for new members of the House of Commons on the occurrence of any vacancy. He received and filed the returns from the Sheriffs of the members of the House of Commons on their election, and certified the said returns to the House. He also received and filed the returns of the 16 Peers elected to represent Scotland, and certified the same to the House ; and on the first day of every Parliament he attended the House with the return book of the members of the new Parliament. He also claimed to administer the oaths to the Lord Chancellor, Master of the Rolls, &c., &c., filed and recorded proceedings before the Court of Claims and enrolled the same on the Coronation Roll.

**THE EXAMINERS IN CHANCERY.** These conducted the examination of all witnesses in Chancery suits who could be examined in London, and took their depositions in writing, which were called Town Depositions.

**THE CLERK OF ENROLMENTS** and others.

#### **Acts of Parliament made in Ireland.**

10 Charles I. 1 Bundle. These are the copies from which the enrolments on Nos. 191 to 193 of the Parliament Rolls were made. The list of the Acts will be found in Vol. I of the Indexes to the Parliament Rolls.

#### **Bishops' Patents, and Warrants for.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) 9 George I to 38 Victoria. 13 Bundles. These are the original warrants for the Patents of appointments of Bishops and also the Patents of Assistance and Writs of Restitution of Temporalities, which are enrolled on the Bishops' Patent Rolls.

*Index.* Before 24 Geo. III. See the Indexes to 'Brevia Regia' (*Petty Bag Office*).

24 Geo. III to 38 Vict. 1 Vol. MS.

#### **Brevia Regia or 'Chancery Files.'**

The fundamental division of the records of the Chancery is into files and enrolments. Of these the files are in all probability the earlier class, since the earliest method of recording the issue of a writ was the writing of a duplicate or 'Contrabreve' (*Dial. de Scacc.* 1, vi). In course of time rolls were substituted for some of these 'Contrabrevia,' while in other

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cases their place was filled by filing the written warrants which had now become usual. At the same time the increase of business had made it necessary to classify the various documents filed in its course in order to make it possible to find them again.

The simplest division of the files is into Writs, Bills, Warrants, and Memoranda.

(1) The Writs comprise all the letters issued under the Great Seal which found their way back into the Chancery with returns endorsed or attached. Separate files were gradually found necessary for :—

ESCAETRIE, now **Inquisitions post mortem**.

INQUISITIONS, now **Inquisitions ad quod damnum**, **Inquisitions Miscellaneous**, and **Criminal Inquisitions**.

BREVIA, in which arose the following separate files :—

*Subpena*, writs of summons before the Council or the Chancellor to answer charges not usually specified in the writ.

*Corpus cum Causa*, writs for the production of prisoners in the Chancery, in order to prevent unlawful imprisonment, with bail pieces attached.

*Dedimus Potestatem*, giving power to admit attorneys, and to take the fealty of tenants in chief. This was afterwards known as the **ARROW BUNDLE**.

*Non sunt inventi*, writs of attachment, &c., to which the sheriff returned 'Not found.'

*Scire Facias*, large writs, for the most part dealing with cases involving the revocation of Charters or Letters Patent. These with the proceedings upon them form the class of **Placita in Cancellaria**. They were filed separately on account of their size.

*Certiorari*, writs directed to the courts of Common Law to bring up Record and Process into the Chancery.

These now form bundles 47 to 88 of the **Miscellanea of the Chancery**. They were formerly included in the **COUNTY PLACITA**. The large class of these which deals with outlawries of which the reversal was sought, were filed separately, and most of them still remain on the files as :—

*Records upon Outlawries*.

The unclassified writs have further been drawn upon at various dates, at all events from 1658 onwards, for the formation of artificial classes determined by the objects of research of the archivists in charge, e.g., **Parliamentary Writs**, and the various sections of the **Miscellanea**, of which Bundles 89 to 145 contain a selection of Writs and Returns classified by counties.

What remain have for the most part been much disarranged, and, since Ryley's rearrangement in 1658, have been inextricably confused with a large collection of Writs of the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas dating from the reign of John to that of Edward III, and probably left behind in the reign of Richard II, when the Tower ceased to be the Record Office of the Exchequer and Common Law Courts as well as of the Chancery. These have now been, so far as possible, separated from the Chancery writs.

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The subjects of the writs are very various, but they were issued as a rule to obtain information, to secure the payment of debts attested either by recognizance in the Chancery or by Statute Merchant or Statute Staple or for the suits which were tried at Common Law in the Chancery because officers of that court were concerned.

(2) The Bills include all the applications made to the Chancellor for the exercise of his powers, and the similar applications made to the King and to the Council through the Chancery. In the reign of Edward IV we find these classified as :—

**BILLS ENDORSED**, which presumably now form part of the class of **Ancient Petitions**.

**SUBPENNA BILLS**—ANSWERED.

DO. UNANSWERED.

**CORPUS CUM CAUSA BILLS**.

These three classes are now comprised in the **Early Chancery Proceedings**.

(3) The Warrants are the authority to the Chancellor to make use of the seal. Separate files were kept for **PRIVY SEALS**, which probably included all royal warrants under the Privy Seal, Sign Manual, and Signet, perhaps also Council warrants, and for

**TREASURERS' BILLS**, which are the warrants for letters prepared by virtue of a Fine made in the Exchequer. With these were most likely included Household and Butlers' and Ulnagers' warrants. All these are now **Warrants for the Great Seal**.

**PROTECTIONS**. These are applications for Protections and letters of Safe Conduct : they are now included in the **Warrants for the Great Seal**.

**EXCOMMUNICATES' BUNDLES**. These are applications to the Chancellor to enforce the Judgments of Ecclesiastical courts by issuing the writ *Capias Excommunicatum*. They now form part of the **Warrants for the Great Seal**.

**CERTIFICATES OF STATUTE MERCHANT AND STATUTE STAPLE**. These are the certificates of the mayors of towns or of the staple that debts have been acknowledged before them, and serve as warrants to the Chancery for the issue of process against the debtors.

**LETTERS PATENT**—CANCELLED. These are letters surrendered on the grant of other Letters Patent for which they serve as warrants.

There are still remaining in this collection a number of other irregular warrants, such as memoranda for the issue of writs, *Brevia de ultra Mare*, &c., which owing to their not being in the usual forms have not been transferred to the class of Warrants.

(4) The Memoranda include all notes of proceedings or of the issue of writs. The principal classes of these were :—

*Supersedeas Writs*, also known as the **STOOL BUNDLE**, being drafts or copies of all writs issued to sheriffs or justices of the peace for the release of persons who had found surety in Chancery of the Peace or of Good Behaviour.



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EXEMPLIFICATIONS. These were not usually enrolled, but the originals were filed and a note of the date and form of the exemplification was endorsed on each. The class of COUNTY PLACITA was originally intended to consist of such documents, but was extended to include returns to writs of Certiorari. Both classes are now in bundles 47 to 88 of the **Miscellanea**.

HORN BUNDLE, consisting of bails of persons receiving charters of pardon, as required by Stat. 10 Edw. III, cap. 3. This provision was repealed by Stat. 5 & 6 Will. & Mar., cap. 13, sec. 2.

BAILS for appearance, and BONDS for the performance of orders of the Court, or to abide by the decision of arbitrators. The former class often contains memoranda of subsequent proceedings, and gives some information as to the decisions of the court.

Besides the large classes mentioned there are certain smaller collections, such as the CERTIFICATES OF PLEAS OF BASTARDY sent in in pursuance of Stat. 9 Hen. VI, cap. 11, DRAFT WRITS FOR THE ELECTION OF CORONERS AND VERDERERS, and TO DEMAND CORRODIES. There are, moreover, large numbers of documents which have become detached from other documents and can no longer be referred to their proper places. For instance DRAFTS OF LETTERS PATENT formerly attached to warrants and petitions.

As may be seen from the early reports of the Deputy-Keeper the class taken over from the Tower Records Office contains a considerable number of documents later than the reign of Edward IV, and many entire files belonging to definite classes besides enormous numbers of single documents.

In addition to the classes already named this series contains a number of documents of the 17th and 18th centuries apparently forming part of the records of the Usher of the Chancery and probably obtained about 1890 from the Rolls Chapel.

**COPIES OF DECREES AND ORDERS.****RECEIPTS FOR EXHIBITS, &c.****WINE LICENCES.****EXHIBITS IN VARIOUS SUITS.**

WARDMOTE INQUISITIONS. These are inquisitions as to the unlawful eating of meat in Lent in the City of London.

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(*Tower Series.*) John to Charles I. Under arrangement. These now consist of Writs of Dedimus Potestatem, of Superseas, &c., unclassified Chancery Writs (Henry III to Richard III), Common Law Writs (John to Richard II), Bails on Special Pardons, Mainprises, cancelled Writs, Certificates of Statute Merchant and Statute Staple (Edward I to Richard III) and such other documents in the foregoing account as have not been transferred to special classes.

(*Rolls Chapel Series.*) Henry VII to Charles I. 7 Bundles. These were formerly known as the 'Miscellaneous Bundles' of the Rolls Chapel and are arranged as follows:—

**Brevia Regia or 'Chancery Files'**—(continued).

- Bundle 1. The 'Arrow' Bundle, consisting of Writs of Dedimus Potestatem, Writs de Coronatore Eligendo, &c. (Part 1).  
 „ 2. Ditto. (Part 2).  
 „ 3. The 'Horn' Bundle, containing Bails on Special Pardons.  
 „ 4. The 'Pot' Bundle, containing Warrants of Attorney, &c., for Sheriffs.  
 „ 5. The 'Stoole' Bundle, containing transcripts of Supersedeas for good behaviour.  
 „ 6. The 'Scire Facias' Bundle, containing Writs of Scire Facias, Audita Querela, &c.  
 „ 7. The 'Writs' Bundle.

(*Petty Bag Office Series.*) 41 Elizabeth (1598) to 31 Victoria (1866). 259 Bundles. These are in yearly bundles and consist of Writs of Certiorari with the Returns thereto; Writs of Scire Facias; of ad quod Damnum; of Dedimus Potestatem (to swear Masters Extraordinary in Chancery, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, &c.); Writs for electing Coroners, Verderers, and Regarders of Forests; Writs of Summons to Serjeants at Law, &c., &c.

The earlier documents of this character will be found in the Tower Series of Brevia Regia.

*Indexes.* 11 Vols. MS.

**Certificates, Various.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) 8 Bundles, as follows:—

- No. 1. Certificates, Licences, and Presentments of Taverns and Cookshops in the City of London for selling flesh in Lent, temp. Jas. I and Chas. I.  
 No. 2. Certificates of Delinquents' Estates sequestrated during the Commonwealth.  
 No. 3. Do. Do.  
 No. 4. Certificates of Recusants' Estates sequestrated, 1650.  
 No. 5. Certificates of Surrenders of Offices. Chas. II and Jas. II.  
 No. 6. Certificates of Popish Recusants and of Persons concealed. Anne and George I.  
 No. 7. Certificates of the Admission of Solicitors and Attorneys. Geo. I to Geo. III.  
 No. 8. Certificates of Qualification of Members of Parliament. Geo. I to Geo. III.

**Certiorari Bundles.**

These contain transcripts of such Private Acts of Parliament as were brought into Chancery by Writ of Certiorari for the purpose of being exemplified under the Great Seal.

(*Rolls Chapel Series.*) Henry VIII to George III. 21 Bundles.

(*Petty Bag Office Series.*) James I to George III. 12 Bundles.

*Chronological List.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Charitable Uses, Proceedings of Commissioners for.**

Elizabeth to George III. These are the records of the Commissioners who were appointed from time to time pursuant to the Statutes 39 Elizabeth c. 6 and 43 Elizabeth c. 4, to inquire into any abuses of Charitable bequests or donations and to rectify the same by decree. They consist of the following classes :—

**Inquisitions and Decrees.** 61 Bundles or Parts, the first 60 of which contain the Inquisitions, &c., returned into the Petty Bag Office of the High Court of Chancery, the last bundle consisting of those returned into the Chancery of the Palatinate of Lancaster.

**Confirmations and Exonerations of Decrees.** 38 Rolls.

**Depositions.** 21 Bundles. These were taken with respect to such Decrees as to which Exception may have been raised.

A list of the above three classes arranged under Counties has been printed in Lists and Indexes, No. X, 1899.

**Exceptions.** 22 Bundles. In addition to the Exceptions taken to Decrees of the Commissioners, these include the Answers and Replications made thereto.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS. Whenever the original decree is modified or confirmed, the Exceptions, &c., are enrolled full on the Rolls of Confirmations, &c., to which reference is made by the printed List above.

**Circuit Fiats.**

(*Crown Office.*) 1705 to 1900. 20 Vols., &c. Fiats signed by the Chancellor or Lord Keeper for the issue of commissions of assize, &c., together with royal warrants appointing judges to go on circuit. The volumes are *indexed*.

**Commissions relating to the Purchase of Lands for Fortification.**

(*Crown Office*), Anne to Will. IV. 1 Bundle containing the following :—

No. 1. Commission and Return, dated Sept. 1, 1714, for the docks, &c., at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Harwich.

No. 2. Ditto dated July 27, 1758, for the docks, &c., at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Plymouth.

No. 3. Ditto dated Dec. 14, 1759, for the docks, &c., at Milford Haven.

No. 4. Commission and Return, dated Sept. 17, 1760, for removing the gunpowder magazine from Greenwich to Purfleet.

No. 5. Decree, dated Nov. 8, 1762, for the docks, &c., at Milford Haven.

No. 6. Commission and Return, dated July 19, 1762, for securing lands in Kent, Sussex, and Southampton.

No. 7. Ditto dated Aug. 26, 1780, for the docks, &c., at Plymouth and Sheerness.

No. 8. Ditto dated Aug. 26, 1780, for the docks, &c., at Chatham.



### Commissions relating to the Purchase of Lands for Fortification —(continued).

No. 9. Commission and Return, dated Aug. 26, 1784, for the docks, &c., at Portsmouth, and the gunpowder magazine at Faversham.

No. 10. Ditto dated June 24, 1786, for the magazine &c., at Faversham.

No. 11. Ditto dated Sept. 30, 1784, for the docks, &c., at Portsmouth and Plymouth.

No. 12. Ditto dated Feb. 24, 1831, for the docks, &c., at Gosport.

### Commissions of the Peace, &c., Entry Book of.

(*Crown Office*.) 1606 to 1619. 1 Volume.

An Entry Book of Commissions of the Peace, with other Commissions, received in 1905 from the Crown Office in Chancery.

### Commissions, Special.

(*Petty Bag Office*.) James I to Victoria. 21 Bundles, containing Commissions of Inquiry respecting estates forfeited to the Crown, and various other matters, with the Inquisitions and traverses thereon. They are arranged under the following heads :—

ALIENS, ESTATES OF. 15 Chas. I to 47 Vict. 3 Bundles.

CONCEALED LANDS. 13 Chas. I to 6 Wm. & Mary. 1 Bundle.

DEPOPULATIONS. 5 James I. 1 Bundle.

DERELICT LANDS. 11 Chas. I to 18 Vict. 1 Bundle.

ESCHEATS (FOR WANT OF AN HEIR). 6 Chas. I to 51 Vict. 6 Bundles.

FORFEITURES OF OFFICES, &c. 5 Chas. I to 4 Will. IV. 1 Bundle.

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES. 21 James I to 1858. 1 Bundle.

MURDERS AND FELONIES. 12 Chas. I to 1854. 1 Bundle.

PERAMBULATIONS OF FORESTS. 17 Chas. I. 1 Bundle.

These were taken in pursuance of the Statute of 16 Charles I for ascertaining the Metes and Bounds of the Royal Forests. They consist of Inquisitions as to the Metes and Bounds of the Forests of Windsor, in Surrey and Berks respectively ; Waltham in Essex ; Whichwood, Shotover and Stowewood in Oxfordshire ; and Rockingham, Brykestock and Clive in the county of Northampton.

PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR, &c. Anne. 1 Bundle.

SUPERSTITIOUS USES, LANDS GIVEN TO. 33 Chas. II to 11 Wm. III. 1 Bundle.

SURVEY OF THE MANOR OF EAST GREENWICH, 1696. 1 Bundle.

TREASON. 5 Chas. I to 1 Anne. 1 Bundle.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Common Prayer Books.**

Two Sealed Copies of the Book of Common Prayer deposited pursuant to the Act of Uniformity, 14 Charles II, exist amongst the Records of the Court of Chancery, viz.,

Tower Series, 1 Copy.

Rolls Chapel Office Series, 1 Copy.

**Coronation Proceedings.**

(*Crown Office.*) George III to George V. 4 Bundles containing the original petitions and other proceedings before the Commissioners appointed to hear and determine claims of service to be performed at Coronations.

**Cursitors' Records.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) George I to Victoria. 26 Bundles. These consist of Significations of Excommunication, petitions for the issue of Writs of Covenant, and other documents relating to the issue of original writs and process.

**Customers' Patents, Warrants for.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) George I to 24 George III. 6 Bundles containing the Warrants for the Patents of 'Searchers' 'Customers' which are enrolled on the Bishops' Patent Rolls.

*Index.* See the Indexes to 'Brevia Regia' (*Petty Bag Office*).

**Deeds.***Series C.*

A large collection of deeds and charters between private persons, many of which appear to relate to charitable foundations under the jurisdiction of the Chancellor.

The collection is divided into two periods, viz.:—

Ancient : to the end of the reign of Elizabeth.

Modern : from the commencement of the reign of James II.

The Ancient Deeds are subdivided into the following series :

Deeds C. Deeds packed in envelopes (Nos. 1 to 3,765) are described in the Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, Vols. 1—3, and Nos. 3,765 to 8,060 in Vol. 6).

Deeds CC. Deeds too large to be packed in the above method.

Deeds CS. Deeds with fine seals packed in cardboard boxes.

**Denizations, Original.**

George II and George III. Fifteen original letters patent of grants of denizations each enclosed in a leather-covered box. There is a MS. list of the Grantees in the Search Room.

**Ecclesiastical Petitions.**

1224 to 1485. 51 Files. Petitions to the King relating to the election of Bishops, Abbots, &c. Similar documents for a later period will be found amongst the **Warrants**.

**ENROLMENTS.**

The enrolments of the Chancery form one of the two classes into which its records are fundamentally divided, the other class as already noted being the files. The earliest rolls are of the reign of John and there is no evidence to show that the practice of enrolment had been adopted in the Chancery previously to the accession of that King. The rolls which are of very varied character may be roughly classified according as they are enrolments (a) of copies of documents, (b) of proceedings in the Chancery or elsewhere. The enrolments in (a) may either be contemporary with the documents enrolled and constitute an essential part of the process necessary to carry them into effect or they may have been made only as a convenient means of putting documents of an earlier date on record. In the former category, by far the more important, are included such rolls as the Charter Rolls, the Patent Rolls and the Close Rolls, in which were recorded respectively the Charters, Letters Patent, and Letters Close, three instruments by which the Sovereigns of England made grants and expressed their intentions to their people. 'By the first their more solemn acts were declared, by the second their more public directions promulgated, and by the third they intimated their private instructions to individuals.' These three series of rolls with the Fine Rolls constitute the main part of this class so far as it is of a general character. Special series of rolls for the enrolment of instruments relating to particular countries, such as the Scotch, Welsh, Gascon and Norman rolls, or of instruments of a specific nature, *e.g.*, the Pardon Rolls and the Bishops' Patent Rolls, have been created at different periods. In the category of non-contemporaneous enrolments of documents may be placed the Cartæ Antiquæ Rolls and the Close Rolls so far as they contain deeds 'enrolled for safe custody' only. As enrolments of proceedings (b) may be instanced the early Parliament Rolls, the Coronation Rolls and the Decree Rolls.

A printed list of the Chancery Enrolments has been issued, (Lists and Indexes, No. XXVII, 1908).

**Bishops' Patent Rolls.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) 9 George I to 38 Victoria. 26 Rolls. These include the Congés d'élire and Royal Assents to the appointments of Bishops and also the Patents of Assistance and Writs of Restitution of Temporalities.

The Patents of 'Searchers' and 'Customers,' though of a totally different nature, were also entered on these Rolls. At an earlier period the Patents relating to Bishops' Appointments were entered on the general Patent Rolls and those of Officers of the Customs on the Fine Rolls till the reign of Charles I, when that series became extinct, when until the commencement of the Bishops' Patent Rolls they were entered on the Patent Rolls.

*Index.* Before 24 Geo. III see the Indexes to 'Brevia Regia' (*Petty Bag Office*).

*Do.* 24 Geo. III to 38 Victoria. 1 Vol. MS.



**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Cartæ Antiquæ Rolls.**

46 Rolls. Of the origin of this class little is known. The earliest mention of it would appear to be in Powell's *Reperion of Records* (1631), where the rolls are classed as records of the Chancery. As to their nature it seems that all the entries on them are transcripts of documents already issued, some of them ranging from the Saxon period, and not enrolments for the purpose of issue. Many of the charters recorded can be shown to be spurious and the general carelessness of the writing and method of entry forbids the theory that the documents are the result of any system. Most probably they represent an attempt, which from the careless manner in which it was carried out was doomed to failure, to extend the system under which charters and deeds could be enrolled upon the Pipe Roll for safe custody.

With few exceptions the rolls may be classified as belonging to one or other of two distinct types. In the earlier and more numerous of these classes the rolls contain no charters of Henry III, or only chance insertions of that reign. The rolls have Exchequer characteristics and have no direct connexion with other Chancery rolls or Chancery administration. The rolls of the second type contain chiefly charters of Henry III. They are of Chancery character, contain a large number of confirmations and can often be shown to have been the basis for charters of confirmation of Henry III, Edward I, and Edward II.

Seven of the rolls formerly in this series and lettered RR were a class by themselves and have now been transferred to Bundle 12 of the Chancery Miscellanea; similarly roll RR has been transferred to Bundle 9 of the same class.

Many of the charters relating to particular monasteries have been printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum*.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

*See also* Ayloffe's *Calendar of Ancient Charters*.

**Charter Rolls.**

1 John to 8 Henry VIII. 200 Rolls. The Royal Charter was the form of instrument employed by the Sovereign in granting liberties, privileges, immunities, and exemptions, and also lands, tenements, and other possessions, both to corporations and to private individuals. Charters were distinguished from the Letters Patent by their being always executed in the presence of witnesses whose attestation was necessary to the validity of the document, and by their being addressed 'To the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, &c.' instead of simply, 'To all to whom these presents shall come.' They are of two kinds:—(1) Original grants of lands, tenements, liberties, &c. (2) Charters of confirmation or inspeximus of previous grants. The latter may again be sub-divided into two classes: Charters confirming previous grants without reciting them; and charters reciting in full others previously granted and ratifying and confirming the same, sometimes with the addition of further privileges. Confirmations of

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Rolls—(continued).

Charters prior to 1 Ric. III are entered both on the Patent and Charter Rolls, and also on the *Cartæ Antiquæ*. From 1 Ric. III to 1 Chas. I they are entered on the Confirmation Rolls, and subsequent to the latter date again on the Patent Rolls. The Charter Rolls terminate in the 8th year of Henry VIII, when that class of instrument was discontinued, all further grants from the Crown being made in the form of Letters Patent. The documents entered on the Charter Rolls consist chiefly of Charters of Foundation and Incorporation; Grants of Lands, Liberties, and Privileges to Cities, Towns, Civil and Religious Corporations, and to individuals; Grants of Markets, Fairs, and Free-Warren, &c., &c. (See Introduction to the printed volume of Charter Rolls.)

*Transcript in full.* 1 to 18 John. Printed by the Record Commission (with an Introduction and General Index).

*Calendar.* John to Edward IV. Printed by the Record Commission in 1 vol. folio. This consists of selections only and is very imperfect. The following new Calendars are in progress:—

*Calendars* (prepared under the direction of the Deputy Keeper of the Records). 1903–1916.

11 Henry III to 5 Henry V. 5 Vols.

*Calendar.* Ric. III to Hen. VIII. 1 Vol. MS.

### Close Rolls.

6 John to 1903. 20,899 Rolls. The *Rotuli Litterarum Clausarum* or Close Rolls, which are so called in contradistinction to the *Rotuli Litterarum Patentium* or Patent Rolls, contain the enrolments of all mandates, letters, and writs of a private nature; that is to say, such as were addressed in the King's name to individuals, and were folded or *closed up*; the *Litteræ Patentēs* being, on the other hand, addressed to all persons, and delivered *open*, with the Great Seal attached to the bottom.

On the Close Rolls are enrolled documents of the most varied description, touching the royal prerogative, the revenue, and the several branches of the judicature; 'such as orders for the observance of treaties and truces, concerning aids, subsidies, tallages, restitutions of possessions, assignments of dower, and acceptance of homage; for the repairing, fortifying, and provisioning of castles; writs and mandates respecting the coin of the realm, the affairs of the royal household, and the payment of salaries and stipends; commitments, pardons, and deliveries of State prisoners, &c. On the back of the rolls are summonses to and prorogations of parliaments, great councils, and convocations; writs of summons for the performance of military and naval services; copies of letters to foreign princes and states; proclamations; prohibitions; orders for regulating the coinage of the kingdom, and the sale of wine and other necessities; for receiving knighthood, providing ships, raising and arraying forces, and furnishing provisions; for paying knights,

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Close Rolls**—(continued).

citizens, and burgesses for attendance in parliament and seizins of lands; enrolments of private deeds, of awards of arbitrators, and of various other documents.' (See Thomas Hardy's admirable and exhaustive introduction to the printed volume of Close Rolls.)

The writs of Summons of Peers to Parliament ceased to be enrolled on the back of the Close Rolls after 28 Hen. III. Their place since that date is taken by the **Parliament Rolls** (see below (p. 64)). The Writs of Summons and the Pawns of 28 Hen. III to 1685 have been transcribed in full and printed in 1 vol. (Dugdale's *Summons to Parliament*). A new edition of these lists is now in preparation for the Record Office of Calendars.

Transcripts and a Chronological Abstract and Calendar of the Writs of Summons of Peers to Parliament together with the Writs of Military Summons from the Close Rolls for the reigns of Edward I and Edward II were printed by the Record Commissioners in 4 Vols. or Parts edited by Sir F. Palgrave and entitled *Parliamentary Writs and Writs of Military Summons*. In addition to the entries on the Close Rolls mentioned above, the volumes contain Transcripts from various other classes of Records, consisting of Writs and Returns for the election of Members of the House of Commons, Writs for levying the Expenses of Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, Writs for the performance of Military Service addressed to the Sheriffs of Counties, Commissions of Array, and other documents relating to Military Service, or affording evidence of the names of individuals attending or deliberating in Parliaments or Councils. &c. Vide Preface to the first volume of *Parliamentary Writs*.

These volumes are continued in Manuscript to the end of the reign of Edward IV in 55 volumes, which are included in the series of Record Office Transcripts.

Under the Tudor sovereigns the Close Rolls gradually ceased to be a means of recording the administrative process of the Chancery. The last instance of the enrolment of a writ of this kind appears to be in 24 Hen. VIII\* and for a number of years previously their use for this purpose had been confined almost exclusively to Writs of livery of seisin and the like.

From the reign of Henry VIII to 1903, when the Close Rolls of the Chancery were succeeded by the present Enrolment Books of the Supreme Court of Judicature, the rolls consisted of the ordinary enrolments in Chancery, such as Deeds of Bargain and Sale; Deeds of Lease and Release; Surrenders of Office; Disentailing Deeds; Conveyances in Trust for Chapels, Schools, and Charitable Purposes; Conveyances under the Queen Anne's Bounty Act for the Augmentation of Curacies, &c. Deeds of Settlement of Ecclesiastical Districts and Parishes; Boundaries; Awards respecting Enclosures, &c.; Conveyances of Bankrupts' Estates; Deeds Poll relating to Change of

\* The several letters patent, however, of 1 Mary dissolving the Courts of Augmentations and of First Fruits and Tenths and annexing them to the Exchequer were for some reason enrolled on the Close Roll of that year (Part 7) and not on the Patent Roll.



**ROLMENTS**—(continued).**Close Rolls**—(continued).

Name\* ; Certificates of Naturalization ; Consents ; Memorials of Annuities ; Memorials of the names of Trustees, &c., of Assurance Companies ; Specifications and Disclaimers of Patents, Recognizances and Bonds of Receivers and Official Liquidators, and other documents of a similar nature, the enrolment of many of which has at various times been enjoined by statutory or other authority.

Deeds and conveyances between private persons are enrolled on the back of the Close Rolls from a very early date, but are especially numerous subsequent to the Statute 5 Ric. II, c. 8, by which it was enacted that those who had lost their deeds in the late troubles might, on making sufficient proof of the muniments so lost and of the form and tenor of the same, petition the King and his Council for remedy.

The earliest Act for the Registration of Deeds was that passed in the 27th year of Henry VIII, by which it was enacted that any bargain and sale of freehold estate should be made by deed indented and enrolled within six months after the date thereof, either in one of the Courts of Record at Westminster or with the Clerk of the Peace for the County in which the lands were situated. By a subsequent Statute in the 5th of Elizabeth the provisions of this Act were extended to the Counties Palatine of Lancaster, Chester, and Durham. This enactment which, if it had not been evaded, would have resulted in an almost universal register of conveyances of the freehold, was defeated by the introduction of the conveyance by lease and release, the statute not extending to bargains and sales for terms of years.

Separate Registries of Deeds were established by subsequent Statutes as follows:—

- (1.) For Conveyances relating to the fens called Bedford Level. 15 Car. II.
- (2.) For the West Riding of Yorkshire. (Registry at Wakefield.) 2 and 3 Anne.
- (3.) For the East Riding of Yorkshire. (Registry at Beverley.) 6 Anne.
- (4.) For the County of Middlesex (amalgamated by 54 and 55 Vict. c. 64, with the Land Registry established in 1875). 7 Anne.
- (5.) For the North Riding of Yorkshire. (Registry at Northallerton.) 8 Geo. II.

There are also distinct Registries of Deeds for Scotland and Ireland.

Subsequent to the Fines and Recoveries Act of 3 and 4 William IV, c. 74, the Chancery has gradually superseded the three remaining of the old Courts of Record at Westminster as an enrolling authority for deeds and conveyances.

Amongst the deeds enrolled on the Close Rolls are many concerned with the Crown Lands or lands conveyed or

\* Royal Licences for Change of Name are entered in the Warrant Books of the Home Office.

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Close Rolls**—(continued).

surrendered to the Crown for particular purposes. Surrenders to the Crown are as a general rule enrolled on the Close Rolls and indexed under 'Rex' or 'Regina' (see also **Surrender Rolls**). Thus the Surrenders of the Monasteries, the original deeds of which are in the Exchequer, are enrolled on the Close Rolls. There is also a separate branch of the Close Rolls containing enrolments of Surrenders and extending from 8 to 13 Charles I, known as the 'Rotuli Regis Camerae'. The Conveyances extending over a long period made by Edward Ditchfield, John Highlord and the other trustees to whom Charles I in the 4th year of his reign granted Crown Lands as a payment to the City of London of a loan of £320,000 are similarly enrolled there. So, too, with the Bargains and Sales of Crown Lands and of the Estates of the so-called 'Peers and Squires' made by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose during the Commonwealth; and with the Bargains and Sales of the Fee-Farm Rents which were conveyed to Lord High Treasurer and the other trustees by the Crown in 1670 (see **Patent Rolls**).

The **RECOGNIZANCES AND BONDS** enrolled in Chancery entered on the Close Rolls, of which from the reign of Anne onwards they form a distinct branch. From 1882 onwards they are a separate class of rolls.

Prior to the year 1849 the **SPECIFICATIONS OF PATENT INVENTIONS**, pursuant to the several Statutes in that behalf made and provided, were enrolled either at the Enrolment Office in Chancery, the Petty Bag Office, or the Rolls Office, at the option of the parties. From 1849 to 1867 inclusive they were enrolled at the Enrolment Office, during that period forming a distinct branch of the Close Rolls to which there is a separate Index. *Disclaimers* of Specifications are also enrolled as a distinct branch of the Close Rolls, consisting of six Parts or Rolls, the dates of which extend from 1849 to 1867 inclusive.

By the Statute 15 and 16 Vict., c. 82, by which the Commissioners of Patents were first appointed, it was enacted that Specifications should be no longer enrolled, but should be filed instead in such Office of the Court of Chancery as the Lord Chancellor, who was always one of the Commissioners, should from time to time direct. Thenceforward the Original Specifications are filed and preserved in the Patent Office.

By the same Statute it was provided that all the Specifications thus filed should be printed and published and that copies thereof should be sold, such printed copies being admissible as evidence.

Conveyances of **BANKRUPTS' ESTATES** are enrolled on the Close Rolls in accordance with the Statute 13 Elizabeth, c. 7, and subsequent enactments. They appear in the Enrolment Office Index to 'Indentures' under the name of the First Commissioner in Bankruptcy for the time being, but are referred to in the Rolls Chapel Office Index to 'Close Rolls,' under the name of the Bankrupt.

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Close Rolls**—(continued).

Deeds and Wills of PAPISTS were enrolled pursuant to the Statute of 9 George I. Many will be found on the Close Rolls, others on the Recovery Rolls of the Common Pleas.

Deeds conveying lands in trust to CHARITABLE USES have been enrolled on the Close Rolls subsequent to Statute 9 George II, c. 36. In this category will be found all deeds granting sites for churches, chapels, national and other endowed schools and the like. A calendar of these enrolments from 9 George II to 1865 was printed as an Appendix to the Deputy Keeper's Thirty-second Report. A cut-up copy of this, arranged alphabetically under places and continued in manuscript to 1870, is kept in the Search Room.

Deeds granting ANNUITIES or RENT-CHARGES were at first, in pursuance of an Act of 17 George III, enrolled in full on the Close Rolls, of which from the years 1777 to 1812 inclusive they form a separate branch. After the passing of the Act relative to Annuities in 1813 Memorials or abstracts only of the Deeds were enrolled and form a distinct class known as **Memorial Rolls** (*see below*).

CERTIFICATES OF NATURALIZATION are enrolled on the Close Rolls from August, 1844, to August, 1873, inclusive, after which date they are registered at the Home Office.\*

*Indexes, Calendars, &c.**(A.) General.*

*Index to 'Close Rolls.'* (From the Rolls Chapel Office.) John to 1848. 85 Vols. MS. From 1 Hen. III to the end of Edw. IV these Vols. contain *selections* only.

- Down to the year 1837 the Deeds enrolled are entered in these indexes under the names of the *Grantees* and in some cases under the names of *Places*.

*Index to Indentures, &c.* (from the Enrolment Office). 1574 to 1903. 80 Vols. MS. These Indexes are arranged alphabetically under the names of the *Grantors*.

*(B.) Special Periods.*

*Transcript in full.* John and Henry III. 1204 to 1227. Printed by the Record Commission (with an Introduction and Indices Nominum and Locorum). 2 Vols. folio.

*Do.* 1227 to 1247. The Text prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records. 5 Vols., 1902-1916 (in progress).

12 Hen. III to 3 Edw. I. *Calendar.* 11 Vols. MS.

Edward I to Richard II. *Calendars* (prepared under the Superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records), 1272-1389. 26 Vols. (1892-1921, in progress.)

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\* An Index of the names of Persons to whom Certificates of Naturalization were granted from 25 Nov., 1844, to 31 Dec., 1900, was issued by the Home Office in 1908.



**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Close Rolls**—(continued).

Henry III to Edward IV. MS. *Indexes of Places*. Palmer's Indexes, Vols. 42-47. (These include also reference to the Patent and Charter Rolls and other records formerly in the Tower of London.)

Richard III and Henry VII. MS. *Calendar with Index of Persons and Places*. Palmer's Indexes, Vol. 2.

Henry VIII. MS. *Calendar with Index of Places*. Palmer's Indexes, Vol. 71. (This has a list appended of the Summons to Parliament, Surrenders of Monasteries, and other special matters enrolled.)

1 to 8 Elizabeth. MS. *Calendar of Deeds Enrolled*. 3 Vols.

Charles I. 'Divers Years.' *Index to Close Rolls*, Nos. 3437 in MS. Vol. entitled 'Rotuli Regis Caroli.'

(C.) *Special Classes of Records Enrolled.*

Annuities, Memorials of. MS. *Indexes*:

Series I. 1777-1813 (under Grantors' names). 8 Vols.

Series II. 1777-1813 (under Grantees' names). 3 Vols.

Church Lands, Bargains and Sales of (Commonwealth). MS. *Calendar and Index of Places*. Palmer's Indexes, Vols. 80, 81.

Crown Lands and Delinquents' Estates, Bargains and Sales of (Commonwealth). MS. *Calendar and Index of Places*. Palmer's Indexes, Vols. 78, 79.

Enclosure Awards. *List* printed in Deputy Keeper's Reports XXVII, App. pp. 1-3. (A MS. copy of this list arranged under Counties and including all the Awards enrolled in other Courts of Law is kept in the Search Room.)

Fee-farm Rents, Bargains and Sales by the Trustees for the Sale of (22-25 Chas. II). MS. *Abstract*. Palmer's Indexes, Vol. 72.

Recognizances. *Indexes*. Before 1872 see the general indexes to 'Close Rolls' and 'Indentures.'

Do. 1872-1882. 11 Vols. MS. (Subsequent to 1882 the Recognizances form a separate class of Rolls, *q.v.*)

Safe Custody, Deeds enrolled for. William and Mary to George II. *Index*. 2 Vols. MS. (Most of the deeds here indexed are of a much earlier date than that of their enrolment. Those dated in the same year as their enrolment are seldom referred to in this Index, as they would in due course appear in the general indexes.)

Specifications of Patent Inventions. *Index*. Before 1841 see the general indexes to 'Close Rolls' and 'Indentures.' *Calendar*. Anne to 1 Geo. IV. Printed. Reports VI, App. II, pp. 155-203; VII, App. II, pp. 189-210, and VIII, App. II, pp. 82-134.

Do. 1712 to 1840. MS. *Index*. In the volume entitled 'Rotuli Regis Caroli, &c.,' pp. 101-260.

Do. 1841 to 1848. See Index to 'Indentures.'

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Close Rolls**—(continued).

Specifications of Patent Inventions. 1849 to 1866. *Index*. 2 Vols. MS., the second of which includes the Disclaimers.

Trust Deeds enrolled under the Statute 9 Geo. II, c. 36, and later enactments. 9 Geo. II to 1865. *Index of Places*, printed Report XXXII, App. ii, pp. 1-1,062. (A copy of this arranged lexicographically and continued to 1870 is in the Search Room. 24 Vols.)

**Close Rolls (Supplementary).**

18 Rolls. These consist of a few rolls formerly placed with the Tower Miscellaneous Rolls containing enrolments of Writs of a special character which do not appear on the regular series of Close Rolls as Writs of respite from taking up knighthood in 41 and 42 Henry III; Mandates for the livery of the lands of the rebels in 49 and 50 Henry III; Writs of respite from Assizes, &c., for those in the King's service in Scotland in 31 and 32 Edward I; Writs of Resumption of Grants made by the King from 3 to 5 Edward II; two rolls of writs to the 'Custodes Passagii' in the various ports directing them to permit the persons therein specified to go beyond the seas, dated 14-15 Edward III and 1-2 Richard II respectively, formerly known as 'Passage Rolls.' They also include rolls of writs to foreign Merchants empowering them to issue Letters of Exchange extending from 1 Richard II to 12 Henry VI, at one time forming a separate class known as 'Exchange Rolls.'

*Calendars*. 5 Edw. I to 20 Edw. II (Rolls Nos. 4-10). Printed in 'Calendar of Chancery Rolls, Various, 1227-1328' (prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records), 1912.

15 to 31 Edw. III. Printed in the Calendar of Close Rolls, 1374-1377 (prepared as above), 1913.

**Confirmation Rolls.**

1 Richard III to 1 Charles I. 114 Rolls. These contain confirmations of Charters to cities, boroughs, or other corporate or politic bodies, and also to private individuals.

Before 1 Richard III the confirmations are entered on the Charter and Patent Rolls, and subsequent to 1 Charles I again on the Patent Rolls.

*Calendar*. 1 Vol. MS.

**Coronation Rolls.**

Edward II to George V. 15 Rolls. These contain the formal record of the Coronation Ceremony and of the proceedings of the Commissioners appointed to hear and determine claims of service to be performed at Coronations, and also the oath taken and the declaration made and signed by the Sovereign when crowned. The series is very imperfect.

**Decree Rolls.**

See under **JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS**.

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Dispensation Rolls.**

37 Elizabeth to 1747. 62 Rolls. These are the records of the Clerk of the Dispensations and Faculties in Chancery, and consist of the enrolments of the confirmations of Bishops' Commendams, of Dispensations and Notarial Faculties, and of Doctors' and Masters of Arts' degrees conferred by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Office of the Clerk of the Dispensations was abolished by Statute 2 and 3 Wm. IV, c. 111, and the duties transferred to the Secretary of Presentations.

**Extract Rolls.**

14 Henry III to 25 Edward III. 40 Rolls. The Extract Rolls or 'Extracta Donationum' consist for the most part of transcripts from the Charter and Patent Rolls of gifts and grants from the Crown made apparently for purposes of the Exchequer.

They also include transcripts from the Charter and Patent Rolls of the grants of the forfeited lands of the Contrarians in 15 and 16 Edward II and from the Close Rolls of the Writ of Livery of the said lands. A roll of transcripts of Charters and Patents relating to Ireland from 1 to 12 Edward I formerly described as an 'Irish Roll,' has been added to the series.

**Fine Rolls.**

John to 23 Charles I. 553 Rolls. The Rolls upon which were entered the sums of money (or other property, such as palfreys, harriers, falcons, &c.), offered to the King by way of oblation or fine for the passing or renewal of charters or grants and for the enjoyment of lands, offices, wardships, exemptions, liberties, privileges, and other marks of the royal favour were called the OBLATA or FINE ROLLS. The first of these appellations fell into disuse after the reign of John, the latter being or thenceforward retained. There are 'Oblata Rolls' for the first, second, third, and ninth years of King John; and 'Fine Rolls' for the sixth, seventh, fifteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth years of that reign. From that date to the year 1641, when it terminates, the series is, with one or two exceptions, complete. The Fine Rolls as documents of historical and genealogical importance rank next to the three great classes of Charter, Patent, and Close Rolls, to the latter of which, indeed, they bear some resemblance, many of the entries on the early Close Rolls belonging more properly to this series.

By the entries on these rolls the receipt of fines or oblations appears to have constituted a great source of wealth to the Crown, no pretext being too trivial for the extortion of an apparently voluntary payment, and the royal favour and interference being solicited and obtained in matters of the most private nature, as, for instance, in cases of 'conjugal infidelity' and in cases respecting the exercise of 'matrimonial rights.' The more general occasions on which fines were paid were, however, to procure grants and confirmations of liberties and franchises of various kinds, and of markets and fairs, free



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warren, &c. ; for exemptions from tolls, &c. ; for livery of lands ; for grants of wardships and marriages ; for licences 'alienandi et concordandi' ; for exoneration from knighthood ; for letters of safe conduct ; for letters of naturalization and denization ; for pardons of trespasses and misdemeanours ; and for the expedition of justice, the stopping or delaying of trials or judgments, and their removal from inferior tribunals to the King's Court.

On the Fine Rolls were also entered the patents for the appointment of sheriffs, escheators, customers, controllers, searchers, and other offices in the gift of the Lord Treasurer ; writs for livery of lands on the heir attaining his majority, entitled 'de homagio capto' ; writs 'de custodia commissa' ; 'de terris captis in manum regis' ; with writs 'de diem clausit extremum,' 'ad quod damnum,' and writs of inquiry on amortising lands.

*Transcript in full.* John. Printed. 1 Vol. 8vo, entitled *Rotuli de Oblatis et Finibus*.

A roll for 27 Henry III (No. 40A.), of Fines, Liberate and Contrabrevia tested by the King in Gascony has been printed in *Rôles Gascons*, Vol. 1 (published by the French Government).

*Selections.* Hen. III. Printed. 2 Vols. 8vo, entitled *Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*.

*Calendars* (prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records). 1911-1922.

Edward I. 1272-1307. 1 Vol.

Edward II. 1307-1327. 2 Vols.

Edward III. 1327-1356. 3 Vols.

Edward V to Chas. I. See 'Palmer's Indexes,' viz. :

Vol. 75. Edw. V to Phil. and Mary. Alphabetical Calendar under names of Persons, with an Index of Places.

Vol. 76. Eliz. to Chas. I. Chronological Calendar.

Vol. 77. Indexes of Places and Persons to Vol. 76.

**Gascon Rolls.**

38 Henry III to 7 Edward IV. 144 Rolls. The Gascon Rolls of 38, 39, and 44 Henry III consist of the Letters Patent and Letters Close of Edward the King's son, as Duke of Aquitaine and Lord of Ireland, containing a few entries relating to the latter country. From the second year of Edward I they contain treaties, truces, appointments and powers of ambassadors, orders, summons to military service, letters of safe-conduct and protection, and grants of offices, lands, &c., relating to Gascony whilst that province was under the dominion of the Kings of England. See also 'Gascon Petitions' described under the head of **Ancient Petitions** (see **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**). Selections from the Gascon Rolls are included in Carte's *Catalogue des Rolles Gascons, Normans, et Français*.

*Transcript in full.* 26 Henry III to 35 Edward I. 3 Vols., published by the French Government under the editorship of

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Gascon Rolls**—(continued).

Messrs. F. Michel and C. Bémont. (The first of the rolls so published has been since transferred to the regular series of Patent Rolls to which it belongs.)

39 Henry III. One roll (No. 3) of this year of letters close of Edward, the King's son, has been printed under the editorship of M. Bémont in *Bulletin philologique et historique*, 1915.

**Liberate Rolls.**

2 John to 14 Henry VI. 148 Rolls. The Liberate Rolls derive their name from the Writs of 'Liberate,' which are recorded on them. They consist of precepts to the Treasurer and other officers of the Exchequer for the payment of money to 'Deliver' out of the Treasury or the delivery of lands out of the hands of the Crown. The moneys include such sums as were required for the payment of pensions, salaries, and stipends, and for the various expenses of the State and of the Royal Household. The rolls also contain Writs of 'Allocata' and 'Computeate,' directing sums of money to be 'allowed' or 'reckoned' in accounting with the several officers and ministers of the Crown and others; and Writs to Sheriffs for the delivery of lands or goods which had been extended. From 6 John to 9 Henry III inclusive there are no Liberate Rolls, the Writs of that description being enrolled among the other writs on the Close Rolls. They recommence in the 10th year of Henry III, and are continued from that date to the 14th year of Henry VI, after which time no roll of that description appears to have been made up. There are 2 Liberate Rolls from 10 Henry III to 33 Edward I among the Records of the Exchequer of Receipt on which the payments are recorded.

The Liberate Rolls of King John, namely, of the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th years of his reign, have been printed in full, together with the Misæ Roll of the 11th and the Præstita Roll of the 12th years of the same reign. (The two latter rolls have now been placed with the Exchequer Accounts.)

*Transcript in full.* 2 to 5 John. Printed in 1 Vol. 8vo. entitled *Rotuli de Liberate ac de Misæ et Præstitis*.

A roll for 26 Hen. III (No. 18) has been printed in *Rôles Gascons*, Vol. I.

*Calendar.* 11 to 24 Hen. III. Prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records. 1916.

**Memorial Rolls of Annuities.**

1813 to 1854. 136 Bundles. These contain the Memorials or Abstracts of Deeds granting Annuities or Rent-Charges. Prior to the Act 53 Geo. III, c. 141, these Deeds were enrolled in full on the Close Rolls, but under this Act the enrolment of a Memorial or Abstract only was obligatory. The Act was repealed in 1854, but by an Act in the following year (Stat. 18 Vict., c. 15) the registration of Memorials of Annuities was transferred to the Senior Master of the Court of Common Pleas.

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Memorial Rolls of Annuities**—(continued).

The registers from 1855 which were kept at the Common Pleas Registry of Judgments and subsequently at the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature have been transferred under the Land Charges Act of 1900 to the Land Registry, Lincoln's Inn Fields, where the registration of Annuities is now made.

*Register of Annuities.* 31 July, 1813, to 30 Aug., 1854.  
22 Vols.

*Indexes.* Series I. 1813 to 1854 (under Grantors' names).  
13 Vols. MS.

Series II. 1813 to 1842 (under Grantees' names).  
5 Vols. MS.

**Norman Rolls.**

2 John to 10 Henry V. 17 Rolls. The Norman Rolls contain the enrolments of such Letters Patent and Close, Writs, Mandates and other instruments passing under the Great Seal, as related to the Duchy of Normandy, whilst it was under the dominion of the English Crown; and also of Chirographs, Concords, and other documents executed in the King's Court of Exchequer at Caen. They also contain Treaties and other documents of a diplomatic character between the Kings of England and the Dukes of Brittany, Burgundy, and others. The series of Norman Rolls is very irregular, seven rolls only of the reign of King John being now in existence. These consist of a Charter Roll, a Liberate Roll and an Oblata Roll for the second year of his reign; two rolls called 'Contrabrevia,' containing entries similar to those in the Close Rolls, for the second and fourth years respectively; a Close Roll for the fifth year; and for the sixth a roll entitled 'Rotulus de Valore Terrarum Normannorum,' which specifies the value of the lands in England which were held by the Normans then in rebellion and thereby became escheated to the English Crown. In the fifth year of King John, Normandy becoming re-united to the Crown of France, the records relating to that province were discontinued until its invasion and re-conquest by Henry the Fifth, when the series recommences as 'Norman Patent Rolls,' and as such is continued to the end of that King's reign. The Norman Rolls of the reign of Henry the Fifth consist principally of letters of safe conduct and protection, grants and confirmations of their estates to such as voluntarily surrendered to him or to his commanders, restitutions of their temporalities to such convents as recognized his authority, and of grants to his followers of the castles and estates of such Normans as were slain or remained in open rebellion, and of grants of offices, commissions of array, presentations to ecclesiastical benefices, &c.

The Norman Rolls from 2 John to 5 Hen. V have been printed in full by Sir Thomas Hardy under the direction of the Record Commissioners; and of those from 6 to 10 Hen. V a calendar has been made and printed in Report XLI, App. I, pp. 671-810; and Report XLII, App., pp. 313-472. Reference to these Rolls will also be found in Carte's *Catalogue des Rolles Gascons, Normans, et Français*, in 2 Vols. folio.



**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Parliament Rolls.**

1 Edward III \* to 48 and 49 Victoria. 5,787 Rolls. The 'Rotuli Parliamentorum' or Parliament Rolls prior to the reign of Richard III contain entries of the several transactions in Parliament, including the adjournments and all other common and daily occurrences and proceedings from the opening to the close of each Parliament, with the several Petitions or Bills and the Answers given thereto, not only on public matters on which the Statutes were afterwards framed, but also on private concerns. In some few instances the Statutes drawn up in form are entered, but in general the petitions and answers only, in which case the entry of itself furnishes no evidence that the petition and answer were at any time put into the form of a Statute. The Acts of Parliament from 6 Edw. I to 8 Edw. IV, when drawn up in the form of Statutes, are enrolled on the Statute Rolls.

The Acts of Parliament commenced to be regularly enrolled on the Parliament Rolls in the first year of Richard the Third, and from that date to 3 Charles I inclusive the Parliament Rolls continue to contain, in addition to the Acts enrolled, Petitions and other miscellaneous proceedings of Parliament; the latter, however, disappeared by degrees, the Parliament Rolls then consisting of the Acts enrolled only.

From Richard III to 25 Henry VIII they contain all the Acts, both public and private, passed in every session, with the introductory forms of presentation and the concluding forms of assent.

From 25 Henry VIII to 35 Elizabeth several of the Private Acts and afterwards all the Private Acts are omitted, their titles only being noticed.

There are three Rolls containing the Acts of Parliament made in Ireland which were enrolled in 10 Chas. I.

From 16 Chas. I to 31 George II the Rolls contain nothing but the Public Acts and the titles of the Private Acts, without any other parliamentary matter, and from 32 Geo. II the titles of the Private Acts are also omitted.

In Feb., 1849, the engrossments and enrolments ceased, and Acts printed on vellum were substituted.

Such Private Acts as were removed into Chancery by Writs of Certiorari for the purpose of exemplification or otherwise, will be found in the **Certiorari Bundles**.

The Original Acts, both public and private, are kept at the Parliament Office.

The Parliament Rolls (collected from various sources), together with many of the original Petitions to Parliament, from 6 Edward I to 19 Henry VII, have been printed in 6 Vols. folio, entitled *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, with an elaborate Index in 1 Vol.

The 'Statutes' from 6 Edward I to Queen Anne are printed in 9 Vols., entitled *Statutes of the Realm*, with Indexes in 2 Vols.

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\* The Rolls prior to 1 Edward III will be found in the Exchequer Series of Parliament Rolls (Special Collections).

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Parliament Rolls**—(continued.)

The 'Acts and Ordinances' of the Parliament from 1640 to 1656 were printed by Henry Scobell, the Clerk of the Parliament in 1658, by special order of the Parliament. The original Records of these Acts being destroyed at the Restoration, this Volume and similar collections by E. Husband form the principal evidence of the proceedings of the Long Parliament. A complete edition of all the *Acts and Ordinances of the Interregnum*, 1642-1660, in 3 Vols. octavo, collected from all the available sources and edited by Messrs. C. H. Firth and R. S. Rait for the Statute Law Committee, has been published (London, 1911).

*Indexes to Parliament Rolls*, from 1 Richard III to 48 & 49 Victoria, 10 Vols. (Part MS. and part printed.)

**Patent Rolls.**

3 John to 10 George V. 5,287 Rolls. The Patent Rolls derive their name from the 'Litteræ Patentēs,' or Letters Patent, of which they are the formal enrolments.

The Letters Patent were, as their name implies, written upon open sheets of parchment, with the Great Seal pendant at the bottom, being thus distinguished from the 'Litteræ Clausæ,' or Letters Close, which being of a less public nature and addressed to individuals, were *closed* or folded up.

During the reigns of the Plantagenets the Patent Rolls contain documents of a most diversified and interesting nature, relating principally to the Prerogatives of the Crown, to the Revenue, and to the different branches of Judicature; to Treaties, Truces, Correspondence, and Negotiations with Foreign Princes and States; Letters of Protection, of Credence and of Safe Conduct; Appointments, and Powers of Ambassadors, &c.

In addition to these documents of an essentially public nature they also contain Grants and Confirmations of Liberties, Offices, Privileges, Lands, and Wardships, both to public bodies and private individuals; Charters of Incorporation; Licences for the election of Bishops and other Ecclesiastical Dignitaries; Restitutions of Temporalities; Presentations to Churches and Chapels; Creations of Nobility; Special and General Pardons, Special Liveries, Licences and Pardons for Alienation; and Crown Leases.

The Grants of Offices of various kinds enrolled on the Patent Rolls may be referred to by means of the ordinary Calendars. A collection of references to Grants of Offices from Ric. III to Chas. II, arranged under Counties, is contained in 'Palmer's Indexes,' Vols. 108 and 109, and similar collections from Henry VIII to Chas. II are contained in Vols. 136 and 137, in the first of these the entries being classified according to the nature of the offices. (*See also* Vols. 36, 57, 63, and 110.)

The Grants made by Charles I, in the 4th year of his reign, of Crown Lands to Edward Ditchfield, John Highlord, Humphrey Clarke and Francis Mosse as Trustees for the City of London, in repayment of the sum of £320,000 and generally

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Patent Rolls**—(continued).

known as the 'Ditchfield Grants,' occupy three entire Patent Rolls, each consisting of three parts. A Calendar of them is contained in 'Palmer's Indexes,' Vol. 24.

Of the grants by which Charles II, in accordance with Acts of Parliament made in the 22nd and 23rd years of his reign, conveyed the greater number of the Fee-Farm Rents in the possession of the Crown to Lord Hawley and other Trustees for sale; the later one of 11 Nov., 1670, is enrolled on the Patent Rolls, of which it occupies three whole parts. Of the earlier grant of 19 June, 1670, the Warrant only exists in the bundle of Privy Seals, &c., for that month.

References to Crown Leases from Charles I to William III, enrolled on the Patent Rolls, are contained in 'Palmer's Indexes,' Vol. 69, and in Vol. 38 of the same series a list is given of the 'Long Leases' of Crown Lands made during the reigns of Charles I and Charles II.

Letters Patent of DENIZATION prior to the Naturalization Act of 1844\* are enrolled on the Patent Rolls. Those of an earlier date frequently included a number of persons in a single grant, and are referred to in the Index under the head of 'Denizations' or 'Indigenæ' merely. Separate rolls of Denizations for the years 32 Henry VIII, 36 Henry VIII, and 4 Elizabeth are placed with the Supplementary Patent Rolls. The Patent Roll 13 William III, Part 1, No. 8, contains a grant of Denization to one Langelier and about 200 other persons.

The Creations of BARONETS are generally enrolled on the Patent Rolls, but, in a few instances, only the Warrants under the Privy Seal or under the Privy Signet exist. A List of the Creations of Baronets from 1611 to 1646 inclusive, compiled from the Patent Rolls and other sources, is printed in the Deputy Keeper's 47th Report, App., pp. 125-138. For later Creations the General Index to the Patent Rolls must be searched.

Prior to the establishment of the Court of Wards and Liveries by Henry VIII, and also subsequent to its abolition, the King's jurisdiction over IDIOTS and LUNATICS, which had been confirmed and established by Stat. 17 Edward II, cap. 10, was entrusted to the Lord Chancellor, by whom all grants were made of the custody of their persons and estates. These grants were made out by the *Clerk of the Custodies* and originally enrolled on the *Patent Rolls*. From the period of the Commonwealth, however, they were entered on separate rolls, and subsequently in books which were kept in the office of the *Clerk of the Custodies*, and afterwards transferred to that of the *Secretary of Lunatics*. The Grants of Custodies, together with the bonds given by the *Committees*, or persons to whom such custody was entrusted, were also entered in Docket Books, which exist at the Lunacy Office from about 1770.

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\* A few Denizations will be found enrolled on the Patent Rolls subsequent to this Act. Naturalization might also be effected by Private Act of Parliament. The Private Acts of Parliament for this purpose are noticed in the Index to the Parliament Rolls, but the Acts themselves are preserved at the House of Lords.



**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Patent Rolls**—(continued).

Letters Patent for INVENTIONS were enrolled on the Patent Rolls until 1853, after which date they were merely entered in a *Register* kept at the Patent Office. By Statute 46 & 47 Vict., c. 57, the Commissioners of Patents, who had been first appointed by Statute 15 and 16 Vict., c. 82, were abolished and a Controller General of Patents was appointed who was to act under the superintendence and jurisdiction of the Board of Trade. Thenceforward Patents were to be sealed with the Seal of the Patent Office, and to have the same effect as if sealed with the Great Seal.

PROCLAMATIONS are entered on the back of the Patent Rolls until 60 Victoria, after which date they appear on the last Patent Rolls of each year.

COMMISSIONS of all kinds are similarly entered on the back of the Patent Rolls. Amongst these are Commissions of Array, Commissions of Musters, Commissions of Lords Lieutenant of Counties, of Justices of the Peace, of Oyer and Terminer, of Gaol Delivery, of Sewers, and Special Commissions of all kinds. The practice, however, of enrolling the Commissions of the Peace, of Sewers, of Oyer and Terminer, and of Gaol Delivery was gradually discontinued during the reign of Elizabeth. From 1595 these will be found entered in the Crown Office Docket Books.

By the Statute of 1 Anne, cap. 7, which provides for the establishment of the Civil List, the power of the Crown to dispose of its Land Revenue was restrained, and it was enacted 'That no grant shall be made by the Crown of any manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, tithes, woods, or other hereditaments (advowsons of churches and vicarages only excepted), for any longer term than one and thirty years or three lives.' From and after this date, therefore, the contents of the Patent Rolls consist principally of Grants of Offices and Pensions; Creations of Nobility; and Letters Patent of Invention and Denization. Between the years 1725 and 1875 the Appointments of Bishops, Congés d'Élire, and Writs of Restitution of Temporalities are enrolled on the **Bishops' Patent Rolls**, but from 1875 onwards the Appointments again appear on the Patent Rolls.

*Transcript in full.* 3 to 18 John. Printed in 1 Vol. folio, with an Introduction, and Indices Nominum and Locorum. (The Introduction contains also an *Itinerary of King John*.)

*Do.* 1 to 16 Henry III. Printed in 2 Vols. octavo (prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records), 1901, 1903.

*Calendar.* John to Edw. IV. Printed by the Record Commission in 1 Vol. folio, with Indices Rerum, Nominum and Locorum. (This calendar consists of selections only.)

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*Calendars* (prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records) 1891-1916.

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Henry VI.	1422-1461.	6 Vols.
Edward IV to Richard III.	1461-1485.	3 Vols.
Henry VII.	1485-1509.	2 Vols.

*Calendars and Indexes.* Henry VII to 7 George V. 47 Vols. MS.

The Patent Rolls of the reign of Henry VIII are included in the *Calendar of Letters and Papers, Henry VIII.*

*Miscellaneous Calendars, &c.* 'Palmer's Indexes,' as follows :—

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**Patent Rolls (Supplementary).**

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The STAPLE ROLLS (27 Edward III to 39 Henry VI) form a branch of the Supplementary Patent Rolls, and contain the appointments of Mayors and Constables of the Staple in various towns, licences to transport wools from one town to another, and orders and proclamations relating to the business of the Staple generally. The first of these contains also the 'Ordinatio Stapulorum' or Statute of the Staples of 27 Edward III, printed in *Statutes of the Realm*.

There are also separate Rolls of COMMISSIONS OF BANKRUPTCY from 19 Charles I to 1654 inclusive, and of PASSES FOR SHIPS from 19 to 22 George II.

**Recognizance Rolls.**

1883-1892. 323 Rolls. These contain the Recognizances and Bonds enrolled in Chancery. They were formerly entered on the Close Rolls, of which, from the reign of Queen Anne, they form a distinct branch. The practice of enrolling Recognizances was discontinued after the year 1892.

*Indexes.* 1883-1892. 10 Vols. MS.

**Re-disseisin Rolls.**

14 Edward I to 6 Edward IV. 26 Rolls. These contain the enrolment of Special Writs addressed to the several Sheriffs of Counties for the restoration to various persons of lands, &c. of which they had been unlawfully dispossessed, and in respect of which judgments had been obtained in actions of novel disseisin, but of which they had again been disseised by the original disseisors. For this *re-disseisin*, if the plaintiff

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Re-disseisin Rolls**—(continued).

recovered, the defendant suffered imprisonment and also paid a fine to the King besides double damages to the person aggrieved. For this reason transcripts of the Writs of re-disseisin were sent into the Exchequer and enrolled on the Originalia Rolls. The contents of the Re-disseisin Rolls are almost entirely reproduced in the *Rotulorum Originalium Abbreviatio*, printed by the Record Commissioners.

**Roman Rolls.**

34 Edward I to 31 Edward III. 25 Rolls. These consist chiefly of letters to various Popes and Cardinals touching the ecclesiastical affairs of the kingdom.

References to them will be found in Carte's *Catalogue of the Gascon, French, and Norman Rolls*. Most of the documents are printed, *in extenso*, in Rymer's *Fædera, &c.*

**Scotch Rolls.**

19 Edward I to 7 Henry VIII. 113 Rolls. These contain the enrolments of negotiations, treaties and truces between the kingdoms of England and Scotland, of documents relating to the disputed succession to the Crown of Scotland on the death of Margaret of Norway; to the claims of Edward I as superior Lord of Scotland, and the contest between Balliol and Bruce and the other claimants of the Scottish throne; of appointments and powers of Ambassadors; of precepts to the Lords Marchers and others for levying troops, orders for garrisoning, fortifying, and victualling castles, and other preparations for the wars with Scotland; of negotiations relating to prisoners of war and their ransom; summons to military service; letters of protection and safe-conduct; grants of estates to Scottish partisans; attainders and pardons; orders for raising money by levying customs and other duties; licences to English and Scottish merchants; grants of benefices; and other documents of a miscellaneous nature relating to Scottish affairs.

*Transcript in full.* 2 Vols. folio, printed by the Record Commission. (The Letters of protection, &c., are omitted from these volumes.)

**Scutage Rolls.**

16 John to 2 Edward III. 13 Rolls. These contain enrolments of the Mandates for the relief from payment of Scutage of such persons as appeared by inspection of the 'Rotuli Marescalcie,' or Rolls of the Marshalsey of the Army, to have rendered the service due from them either personally or by sufficient deputies, or who had compounded for the same by payment of a fine.

*Calendar.* 13 Edw. I to 19 Edw. II, printed in the *Calendar of Chancery Rolls, Various*, prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records, 1912.



**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Specification and Surrender Rolls.**

(*Petty Bag Office Series.*) 1709 to 1848. 287 Rolls or Parts, containing the Enrolments of Specifications of Inventions and of Surrenders of Offices, &c.

*Index.* 2 Vols. MS.

(*Rolls Chapel Office Series.*) 1712 to 1848. These consist of 140 Parts or Rolls and 2 Bundles, containing the Enrolments of such Specifications of Inventions as were enrolled at the Rolls Chapel Office, and also of Surrenders of Offices, &c.

*Calendar.* 1712 to 1837. Printed. Reports VI, App. II, pp. 116-154; and VII, App. II, pp. 108-187.

*Do.* 1712 to 1848. MS. In the volume entitled 'Rotuli Regis Caroli, &c.'

**Statute Rolls.**

6 Edward I to 8 Edward IV. 8 Rolls. These contain the enrolments of the Statutes relating to public concerns formally drawn up from the original Petitions and Answers thereto, or the entries thereof on the Parliament Rolls. The first extends from Edward I to Edward III inclusive, and is known as the 'Great Roll of the Statutes.'

The series is very imperfect, but is supplemented by Transcripts of Statutes apparently sent into the Chancery for the purpose of being exemplified under the Great Seal, and now placed with the **Parliamentary Proceedings**.

There is also a Roll of 'Ordinances by the King's Commissioners' in 5 Edward II, which were subsequently cancelled in the Parliament of 15 Edward II. This was formerly placed with the Parliament Rolls.

The Statute Rolls of a later date than 8 Edward IV have not been preserved, and the making up of such a roll appears to have been discontinued early in the reign of Henry VII. From 1 Richard III to the present time the Acts of Parliament in their final form are enrolled on the **Parliament Rolls**.

**Surrender Rolls.**

12 to 20 Charles II. 7 Rolls. These are rolls containing Surrenders of Offices and Fee-Farm Rents, with a few conveyances of lands, &c., from private individuals to the Crown (*See also Close Rolls.*)

*Calendar.* 1 Vol. MS. entitled 'Rotuli Regis Caroli.'

**Treaty Rolls.**

19 Henry III to 26 Charles II. 221 Rolls. The series of enrolments relating to Foreign Countries which at one time were described generally as Treaty Rolls was subsequently divided into the several classes of Almain, French, Roman, Gascon, Norman, Welsh, Irish, and Scotch Rolls, according to the countries to which they were supposed respectively to relate. They have recently undergone a certain amount of re-arrangement, the old descriptions being found to be in many instances erroneous.

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Treaty Rolls**—(continued).

Thus, for example, the 'Almain Rolls' did not, as their name would imply, relate entirely, or even chiefly, to the affairs of the German States, but were more of the nature of general 'Treaty Rolls.' The so-called 'French Rolls,' from 1 to 18 Edward II, consisted exclusively of documents relating to Rome.

The so-called 'Gascon Roll' of 26 Henry III consisted of Letters Patent relating to English affairs tested by the King during his absence in Gascony, and has now been transferred to the series of Patent Rolls, while that of 27 Henry III belonged to the series of Fine Rolls, to which it has now been transferred.

The first of the Irish Rolls consisted of Transcripts from the Charter and Patent Rolls of the documents thereon relating to Ireland and is therefore now more properly classed with the 'Extract Rolls,' whilst the other two rolls of that class were entitled 'Memoranda de Hibernia,' and consist of proceedings before the King and Council, from 47 to 50 Edward III, with respect to the aid solicited from the Irish Parliament to enable the King to support the wars undertaken for the preservation and defence of that Kingdom. These have been added to the class of **Parliamentary Proceedings**. Several of the Scotch and Welsh Rolls contained only enrolments of Letters of Protection for those going on service in the Scotch and Welsh Wars, and have been added to the series of similar enrolments now described as 'Supplementary Patent Rolls.'

The Treaty Rolls as now arranged consist of the two following classes, formerly known as Almain Rolls and French Rolls.

**ALMAIN ROLLS.** 19 Henry III to 15 Edward III. These consist of a few rolls formerly amongst the Tower Miscellaneous Rolls, containing enrolments of Letters to the Pope and other Foreign Potentates, of the Treaty of Paris in 1258, of Letters of credence to various persons and of the so-called 'Almain Rolls,' relating to negotiations between Edward I and Adolph, King of the Romans, John, Duke of Brabant, Guy, Earl of Flanders, John, Earl of Holland, and others, and to the confederacy formed by Edward III against Philip of Valois in the prosecution of his claims to the Crown of France. Many references to the 'Almain Rolls' are included in Rymer's *Fædera*, &c.

**FRENCH ROLLS.** 16 Edward III to 26 Charles II. The earlier French Rolls contain charters, grants, writs, mandates, and other documents relating to those provinces of France which were under the English rule, together with appointments of officers, letters of safe-conduct and protection, and other instruments relating to military service; those of a later date, consisting chiefly of enrolments of treaties and negotiations, of powers and orders to ambassadors, and of licences for the mustering of ships' crews, and the transport of wines, &c.

On the later French Rolls were enrolled diplomatic and other documents relating to European countries generally. The regular series terminates with the 22nd year of James the

**ENROLMENTS**—(continued).**Treaty Rolls**—(continued).

First, the last documents of this class consisting of enrolments of the Treaty of Breda in 19 Charles II, and of the ratification thereof in 26 Charles II.

*Calendar.* Edward III to Henry VI. Included in Carte's *Catalogue of the Gascon, French, and Norman Rolls*. Most of the diplomatic documents enrolled on the French Rolls are printed in Rymer's *Fœdera, &c.*

*Do.* 1 to 10 Henry V. Printed. Report XLIV, App. pp. 545-638.

*Do.* 1 to 49 Henry VI. Printed. Report XLVIII, App. pp. 217-450.

**Welsh Rolls.**

5 to 23 Edward I. 7 Rolls. The Welsh Rolls commence with the proceedings relating to the Treaty between Edward I and Llywelyn, Prince of Wales, concluded at Aberconway in the year 1277. From that date they contain all the instruments which passed the Great Seal touching the Principality and its Marches, until that country was thoroughly subdued and incorporated with England.

From 6 to 11 Edward I they contain a few Patents and Charters tested by the King in Wales, but relating to other places.

*Calendar.* Printed in *Calendar of Chancery Rolls, Various, 1277-1326*. Prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records, 1 Vol., 1912. See also Ayloffe's *Calendar of Ancient Charters, &c.*

**Extents for Debts.**

12 Edward II to 20 Charles I. 170 Files. Writs and Extents of lands and goods for debts taken for the most part by Sheriffs. The nucleus of this class was formerly preserved in the Chancery Files and a certain number have been transferred from the Inquisitions post mortem, with which they had been erroneously placed.

**Fiats, Miscellaneous.**

(*Crown Office.*) 1629 to 1894. 4 Bundles. These consist of the following :—

COMMISSIONERS FOR CHARITABLE USES. Fiats (1684 to 1803) with an entry book of the names of the Commissioners (1629 to 1642).

PALATINATE OF DURHAM. Fiats for the Justices of Assize and Gaol Delivery and for Justices of the Peace (1690 to 1872).

GUILDHALL SESSIONS. Fiats for commissions for the City of London sittings (1891 to 1894).

OYER AND TERMINER. Fiats for special commissions (1801 to 1880).



**Forest Proceedings.**

Henry VIII to Charles I. 155 Bundles. These consist of Claims and Enrolments of Claims before the Justices in Eyre of the Forests chiefly between the 6th and 11th years of Charles I., with a few Rolls of Presentments at Swainmote Courts and Original Grants of Lands in the Forests of somewhat earlier date. They are interesting historically as resulting from the attempt made by Charles I to re-inforce the ancient Forest Laws, by which his popularity was materially diminished and which was one of the causes leading ultimately to the Civil War.

*Inventory.* Report V, App. II, pp. 48-56.

**Gloucester, Abbey of St. Peter.****Cartulary.**

An illuminated volume written probably about the end of the thirteenth century, with some later additions, on 337 vellum leaves. It has been printed in the Series of Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland (3 Vols., 1863-1867).

**Original Charters.**

11 deeds in 1 box, evidently belonging at some time to the muniment chest of the Abbey, and ranging in date from the 12th to the 14th century. A few of them are entered in the above Cartulary.

**INQUISITIONS.**

The documents formerly very imperfectly classified under the titles of 'Inquisitiones post mortem' and 'Inquisitiones ad quod damnum' respectively, Calendars of which were published by the Record Commission under those titles, included, in addition to the Inquisitions taken on the death of any supposed tenant of the King in capite (correctly styled Inquisitiones Post Mortem) and the Proofs of Age, Assignments of dower, and other documents subsidiary thereto, and to the Inquisitions taken by virtue of Writs of *ad quod damnum* in order to ascertain whether a proposed grant or a licence of alienation of land would be prejudicial to the interests of the King or of others, a great variety of documents in the nature of returns to Writs of Inquiry, such as Inquisitions respecting knights' fees; Extents of Manors; Inquisitions as to the lands of Attainted Persons, of Felons, and of Idiots and Lunatics; Inquisitions as to the Liberties and Franchises of Cities and Boroughs; as to Rights of Fishery, Free-Warren, &c., and respecting the building and repairing of Castles and Bridges; and Inquests held on appeals of murder and homicide and respecting trespasses of various kinds and other misdemeanours; together with Writs of Certiorari and Transcripts of Placita Coram Rege and of other Records and many other documents which did not partake of the nature of inquisitions in any respect.

As the so-called Calendars did not indicate the nature of the documents referred to, this led to much unavailing research, and a re-arrangement and re-classification of these documents became imperative.

**INQUISITIONS**—(continued).

They have now been sub-divided as follows, and Calendars of the respective series are in active preparation :—

- (a) Inquisitions post mortem (including Proofs of Age, Assignments of Dower and Inquisitions on Idiots and Lunatics).
- (b) Inquisitions ad quod damnum.
- (c) Criminal Inquisitions.
- (d) Miscellaneous Inquisitions.

For a further account of the history of the formation of these various classes reference should be made to the Preface of Vol. I of the new Calendar of the Miscellaneous Inquisitions.

**Inquisitions Post Mortem.**

*Series I.* Henry III to Richard III. 1,081 Files.

*Series II.* Henry VII to Charles II. 793 Vols. and Files.

The documents known as 'Inquisitions post mortem' or 'Escheats,' consist principally of the inquests which were held on the death of any supposed tenant of the King in capite by the escheator or escheators of the several counties or districts, who either by virtue of Writs *de diem clausit extremum* to them directed, or *virtute officii* merely, summoned a jury to inquire upon oath of what lands, &c., such tenant was seised at the time of his death, by what rents or services they were held, and the name and age of the next heir, in order that the King might be duly informed of his right of escheat or wardship or other advantages thereby accruing to him.

If the heir was an adult, on his appearance in Court and performance of homage to the King, and on payment of a reasonable *fine* or *relief*, the livery and seisin of his lands was granted to him.

If, however, he was a minor, he and his lands remained in wardship until he could sue out his writ *de ætate probanda*, under which process witnesses were examined and their depositions returned into Chancery, when, on being proved of full age, he was released from his wardship.

Inquisitions of Age and 'Proofs of Age' will be found amongst the Inquisitions post mortem.

Proceedings 'de probatione ætatis' of early date are also to be found amongst the Placita coram Rege.

The Inquisitions post mortem have been divided into two Series, the first of which extends from the 20th year of Henry the Third to the end of the reign of Richard the Third, whilst the second includes the period between the reign of Henry VII and that of Charles I, when the series terminated with the abolition of Feudal Tenures. A few inquisitions on Idiots and Lunatics of later date are included in the latter series.

Amongst the Inquisitions post mortem two volumes (Series II, Nos. 76 and 77) are included (formerly amongst the Miscellaneous Bundles of the Rolls Chapel Office and known as CARDINAL'S BUNDLES) containing :—

- (1) Inquisitions respecting the several Monasteries, &c., surrendered to Cardinal Wolsey.
- (2) Inquisitions taken after Wolsey's death by the Commissioners specially appointed for that purpose.

**INQUISITIONS**—(continued).**Inquisitions Post Mortem**—(continued).

Transcripts of the Inquisitions post mortem were sent into the Exchequer, where they form a distinct series. These in many instances supply the deficiencies of the Chancery series.

On the establishment of the Court of Wards and Liveries in the year 31 & 32 Henry VIII, when the heir was found to be a minor, a Transcript was also transmitted to that Court.

*Calendar.* Henry III to Richard III. Printed by the Record Commission in 4 Vols., Folio, with *Indices Nominum* and *Locorum*.

*Calendars* (prepared under the direction of the Deputy Keeper of the Records—in progress):—

20-56 Henry III.	1 Vol.	(1904).
1-35 Edward I.	3 Vols.	(1906-1913).
1-20 Edward II.	2 Vols.	(1908-1910).
1-34 Edward III.	4 Vols.	(1909-1921).
1-20 Henry VII.	2 Vols.	(1898-1915).

*Indexes.* Hen. VII. 1 Vol. MS.

Henry VIII to Chas I. Printed in Lists and Indexes, Nos. XXIII, XXVI, XXXI and XXXIII (1907-1909). (An Alphabetical Catalogue of all the Inquisitions post mortem, including the Transcripts in the Exchequer and Court of Wards and Liveries.)

*Calendar of the 'Cardinal's Bundles.'* 1 Vol. MS.

*Miscellaneous Calendars, &c.* The following amongst 'Palmer's Indexes' refer to the Inquisitions post mortem:—

		Vol.
Hen. III to Ric. III	References relating to the County of York, arranged chronologically.	82
Do.	An <i>Index Locorum</i> to the foregoing calendar.	83
Hen. VII to 5 Chas. I	Full abstracts of the <i>Inq. post mortem</i> for the county of Cambridge.	91
Hen. VIII to Phil. & Mar.	The same for the county of York.	92
Hen. III to Ric. III	A calendar to the <i>Inq. post mortem</i> for the counties of Berks, Bucks, and Cambridge, with references to the Patent, Close, and other Rolls for the same period. ( <i>Indices Nominum</i> for Berks and Bucks.)	94
Do.	<i>Indices Locorum</i> only for the counties of Chester, Derby, and Devon. (The calendar to which they refer is not in this collection.)	95
Do.	A calendar to the <i>Inq. post mortem</i> for the county of Essex, with an <i>Index Locorum</i> . This vol. contains also references to <i>Inq. post mortem</i> and other records, under the headings 'Citra and Ultra Trentam,' and 'Co. Durham.'	96
Do.	A calendar of the <i>Inq. post mortem</i> , &c., for the counties of Kent, Leicester, and Middlesex.	97
Do.	A similar calendar for the counties of Northumberland, Oxford and Suffolk.	98
Do.	A similar calendar for the counties of Sussex, Warwick, and Wilts, with <i>Indices Locorum</i> for Sussex and Wilts.	99



**INQUISITIONS**—(continued).**Inquisitions Post Mortem**—(continued).

			Vol.
Hen. VII to Jas. I	—	Abstracts of Inq. post mortem in Suffolk, giving the date of the death and the name, &c., of the next Heir.	100
Hen. VII to Chas. I	—	A similar volume for the county of Northampton, with an <i>Index Locorum</i> .	101
Do.	—	Abstracts of Inq. post mortem in the county of Leicester.	113
Hen. VII and Hen. VIII	—	An <i>Index Nominum</i> , from A to L.	120
Hen. VII to Eliz.	—	Abstracts of Inq. post mortem relating to London.	125
Do.	—	Do. relating to Middlesex	126
Hen. III to Ric. III	—	Abstracts of Inq. post mortem in the county of Essex.	142

**Inquisitions ad quod damnum.**

Henry III to Richard III. 455 Files. The Inquisitions ad quod damnum were taken by virtue of Writs addressed to the Escheators of the several counties or districts, when any Grant of a Market, Fair, or other privilege, or a Licence of Alienation of land was solicited, directing them to inquire, by means of a jury, whether such grant would be prejudicial to the interests of the King or of other persons. They were originally filed with the Inquisitions post mortem, but those from Henry III to Richard III inclusive have now been formed into a distinct series, a Calendar of which has been issued in the series of 'Lists and Indexes.'

From the reign of Henry VII to the end of that of Charles I some Inquisitions ad quod damnum are still preserved amongst the Inquisitions post mortem. Of these there is a separate *MS. List*. From the commencement of the reign of James I the Inquisitions ad quod damnum are usually amongst the Brevia Regia of the Petty Bag Office.

*Calendar.* Henry III to Richard III. (Lists and Indexes, Nos. XVII and XXII.)

**Criminal Inquisitions.**

Henry III to Henry VI. 43 Files. These include inquisitions taken upon Writs *de odio et atia* and other inquiries respecting felonies and homicides. Some are described in the Calendar of the Miscellaneous Inquisitions referred to below.

**Miscellaneous Inquisitions.**

Henry III to Richard III. 331 Files. These consist for the most part of the residue of the classes formerly known as Tower Inquisitions *post mortem* and Inquisitions *ad quod damnum* after the formation of the three foregoing classes, being Inquisitions returned to Chancery of too varied a nature to allow of classification. Included amongst them are the INQUISITIONES DE REBELLIBUS (49 Henry III), which contain very minute returns from every County and Hundred of the names and possessions of all persons who were implicated in the rebellion of Simon de Montfort, and the INQUISITIONES DE FORISFACTURIS (11 to 22 Richard II), which consist of

**INQUISITIONS**—(continued).**Miscellaneous Inquisitions**—(continued).

Inquisitions as to the possessions of Michael de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk, Alexander Nevill, Archbishop of York, Sir Robert Tressilian, and others.

The history of the formation of this class from the original files of the Chancery is set out in the Preface to Vol. I of the Calendar. (*See also above Brevia Regia.*)

*Calendars* (prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records), 1916.

Vol. I. Henry III and Edward I.

Vol. II. 1 Edward II to 22 Edward III.

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (COMMON LAW SIDE).**

The jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery was originally of two kinds; ordinary, or legal; and extraordinary, or absolute. The *ordinary* jurisdiction was that 'in which the Lord Chancellor in his proceedings and judgments was bound to observe the Order and Method of the Common Law'; in which cases the proceedings were usually in *Latin*, and were in later years filed at the Petty Bag Office. The *extraordinary* jurisdiction was that exercised by the Court in cases of *Equity*, the proceedings in which were commenced by *English Bill and Answer*.

The pleadings on the ordinary or Common Law Side of the Court consist of pleadings on Writs and Petitions of Right and respecting Recognizances acknowledged in Chancery, proceedings on Traverses of Inquisitions post mortem, on Writs of Scire Facias for the repeal of Letters Patent, on Writs of Partition of lands in Coparcenary or for dower, and in all personal actions by or against any Officer of the Court.

**Pleadings on the Common Law Side of Chancery, or 'Placita in Cancellaria.'**

(*Tower Series.*) Edward I to Richard III. 37 Files and Boxes.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

(*Rolls Chapel Series.*) Henry VII to James I. 34 Bundles. Bundle 28 contains Traverses and subsequent Pleadings on the Inquisitions, which will be found in the Miscellanea of the Chancery, taken pursuant to the Statute of 9 Henry VIII, respecting the decay of tillage and the depopulation of rural districts by the conversion of arable land into pasture.

*Calendar.* Henry VII. 'Palmer's Indexes,' Vol. 107, entitled 'Placita et Traversa super Inquisitiones.' (This refers to the contents of Bundle 1; there is a partial MS. Calendar to the contents of some of the subsequent bundles. A list of the bundles is printed in Report IV, App. II, pp. 108-110.)

(*Petty Bag Office Series.*) Elizabeth to Victoria. 94 Bundles. Known as 'Proceedings on Scire Facias.'

*Indexes*, entitled 'Brevia Regia.' 11 Vols. MS.

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (COMMON LAW SIDE)**—(continued).**Precedent Books of Writs, &c.***(Petty Bag Office.)* 10 Vols.**Remembrance Rolls.***(Petty Bag Office.)* Elizabeth to George III. 84 Rolls.**Remembrance Rolls of Orders.***(Petty Bag Office.)* Charles I to George II. 10 Rolls.**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (EQUITY SIDE).**

The earlier equity proceedings of the Court of Chancery commence in the reign of Richard II, and show that the chief business of the Court at that period did not consist in actions relating to the uses of land, but in receiving and adjudicating on petitions addressed to the Chancellor in cases of assault and trespass and a variety of outrages, for which, although they were cognizable at Common Law, the petitioner was unable to obtain redress owing to the position or powerful connexions of his adversary.

They are exceedingly valuable and interesting as illustrating the origin and variations in the mode of procedure in the Court of Chancery as a Court of equitable jurisdiction, besides teeming with curious information as to the manners and customs of the times.

From the reign of Richard II to that of Philip and Mary they are arranged chronologically according to the periods of the several Chancellorships, and a Calendar is in course of formation.

The proceedings of the reigns of Elizabeth, James I, and Charles I are arranged in two series alphabetically, Series I reign by reign, Series II in periods under the several Chancellors each with Indexes, &c., as shown below.

Subsequent to the reign of Charles I they are in six Divisions, one for each of the 'Six Clerks.' This arrangement continued until the abolition of the Six Clerks in 1842.

The arrangement of the Chancery proceedings subsequent to the appointment of the Six Clerks of the Court of Chancery is extremely complicated, and will be best explained by a brief description of the method pursued in filing the several documents in the Six Clerks' Office at the period when those officers were virtually the solicitors acting for the plaintiffs or defendants in each suit, the records being thus treated to a considerable extent as documents under the immediate control of each of the said officers, and falling into six divisions accordingly.

When a Bill was brought into the Office to be filed it was delivered to one of the subordinates (who were called Sworn Clerks or Clerks in Court) of any one of the Six Clerks, who thereupon entered the names of the plaintiff and defendant, together with that of his principal and his own name, in the *Bill Book*, which was always kept open in the office for that purpose. The Six Clerk, whose name was thus entered in the *Bill Book*, became thenceforward the 'Plaintiff's Six Clerk,' and his said subordinate the 'Plaintiff's Clerk in Court.'



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The Bill was then taken into the study of the Six Clerk to whom it belonged and placed upon the File, where it remained until an appearance was entered for one of the defendants.

The Sworn Clerk or Clerk in Court for the Defendant making appearance then took the Bill off the File, and made a copy for his client, keeping the Bill in his possession until the Defendant's Answer was drawn up, when the Bill with the Answer annexed was re-delivered to the Six Clerk of the Plaintiff. These Bills and Answers were kept in the Six Clerk's study during six clear Terms for purposes of reference, after which period they were taken down to the Record Rooms and sorted alphabetically into bundles according to the plaintiffs' names. If more than one Answer was made to a Bill, such subsequent Answers were not generally annexed to the Bill like the first Answer, but were filed with the Records of the Term in which they were made. It, however, frequently happened that when Answers were taken away by the Plaintiff's Clerk in Court to be copied they were not returned to the Six Clerk *for many years*, and consequently never put into their proper bundles. In case of the death of any such Clerk in Court the Records in his custody were delivered to the Six Clerk whom he represented; but not being in the proper order or method observed by the Six Clerks in keeping their records, were arranged alphabetically under the general head of 'Pleadings,' by which title they were distinguished from the 'Study Matters' or proceedings taken annually from the Six Clerk's study; consequently in a suit of long standing a search for the various Answers has to be continued from bundle to bundle for a considerable period. Moreover, when a Bill was amended it was removed from its old bundle and placed on the File as if it were a fresh Bill; but the preceding Answers were not removed from their bundles, and consequently after finding an Answer, it may become necessary to search forwards to find the Bill to which it belongs. The 'Single Bills,' or Bills to which no appearance was entered, were put in bundles by themselves and kept distinct from the 'Study Matters,' or 'Pleadings.' It frequently happened that when a Bill was taken off the File for the purpose of being copied, the Clerk in Court who so removed it did not return it directly to the Six Clerk from whose File it was taken, but instead passed it on to one of the other Clerks in Court or Sworn Clerks who appeared for some other Defendant, and if no Answer happened to be filed by such last-mentioned Clerk in Court the Bill was never returned to the Plaintiff's Six Clerk at all, but remained in the custody of the Clerk in Court to whom it had been delivered, and was in due course put away with the Records of the Six Clerk whom he represented. It thus often becomes necessary, if a Bill is not found in the Division of the Six Clerk with whom it was filed, to continue the search from Division to Division of the remaining Clerks.

*N.B.*—The difficulties of searching are also increased by the title of the suit being often varied according to the name of the particular defendant making answer.

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The *Depositions in Country Causes*, or Depositions taken by Commission, remained for two years in the custody of the Clerk in Court or Sworn Clerk for the Plaintiff or Defendant, as the case might be, and were then placed with the Records of the Six Clerks whom he represented, being indexed in the same books as the Bills and Answers, but under a separate heading.

*Commissions of Partition*, with the returns thereto, will also be found amongst these Depositions.

The *Depositions in Town Causes*, or Town Depositions, were kept in the Examiners' Office where they were taken, those prior to 1724 being sent to the Record Office in the Tower for safe custody. The Town Depositions were on *paper*; those taken in the Country on *parchment*, the Commission by which they were taken being generally annexed, together with an abstract of the Bill called the 'Dedimus Bill.'

The annexed list shows the several classes of documents belonging to the Equity Side of the Court of Chancery, with the means of reference to each. For the records of the Chancery Division of the Supreme Court of Judicature after the year 1875 see **SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE.**

**Administration and other Summonses.**

1852 to 1855. 3 Bundles. From 1856 onwards the Summonses in Administration Causes and Matters are filed and indexed with the pleadings.

*Indexes.* Causes, 1852 to 1855. 4 Vols.  
Matters, „ „ „ 2 Vols.

**Affidavits.**

1611 to 1875. 3,036 Bundles. From 1611 to 1819 these are arranged chronologically, Term by Term. After 1819 the Affidavits in each Term are arranged alphabetically according to the titles of the Causes or Matters. From Trinity, 1828, to Michaelmas, 1855 inclusive, the Affidavits in *Matters* are generally kept distinct from those in *Causes*, and placed at the end of the alphabetical arrangement.

*Indexes.* 1611 to 1800. 33 Vols.  
1781 to 1875. 117 Vols.

**Affidavits, Registers of.**

1615 to 1746. 53 Vols., containing entries, in full, of the Affidavits, the originals of which during the period are occasionally missing. They are referred to in the above indexes.

**Awards and Agreements.**

1694 to 1844. 14 Bundles transferred from the Report Office with the Reports described below. These are the Awards given by Arbitrators, and the Agreements arrived at by consent between the parties in various suits. As a rule they appear to have been embodied in the Reports subsequently made by the respective Masters.

Awards of Arbitrators respecting enclosures, &c., and in law suits of various kinds are enrolled on the early Close Rolls.

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (EQUITY SIDE)**—(continued).**Cause Books.**

1842 to 31 March, 1880. 376 Vols. These were kept by the Clerks of Records and Writs, who succeeded the Six Clerks on their abolition by Stat. 5 & 6 Vict., c. 103. In them were entered under each Cause the names of all the Parties to it and of their Solicitors, the dates of all appearances entered and of the various records filed with the references to all Orders and Decrees, Reports and Certificates made during its course. After 1 November, 1875, they are continued as the Cause Books of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, but the method of arrangement does not permit the two series to be divided until the establishment of the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature in April, 1880.

*Indexes.* 1842 to 1859. See *Bill Books* (p. 51).

1860 to 1880. 21 Vols. MS.

**Chancery Proceedings.**

Richard II to 1875. Under this title are included the Bills, Answers, Depositions, and other Proceedings in Chancery suits which were formerly deposited in the Tower of London, and in the offices of the Record and Writ Clerks (formerly the 'Six Clerks'), and of the Examiners of the Court of Chancery. They are classified as follows:—

- (1) **Chancery Proceedings (Early).** Richard II to Philip and Mary. 1,519 Bundles. Arranged under the names of the Chancellors. Calendar in progress; five volumes already issued. (Lists and Indexes, Nos. XII, XVI, XX, XXIX and XXXVIII.)
- (2) **Chancery Proceedings. Series I.** Elizabeth to Charles I. 2,240 Bundles.
- (3) **Do. Series II.** Elizabeth to Commonwealth. 480 Bundles.
- (4) **Do. 1649 to 1842.** Arranged in *Six Divisions*, bearing the names of the Six Clerks of the Court of Chancery respectively and in four sub-periods, viz.:—
  - (i) Before 1714. 3,615 Bundles.
  - (ii) 1714 to 1758. 2,793 Bundles.
  - (iii) 1758 to 1800. 2,434 Bundles.
  - (iv) 1800 to 1842. 3,193 Bundles.

Some of these Divisions include proceedings of a much earlier date than 1649.
- (5) **Do. 1842 to 1875.** 3,262 Bundles. Arranged alphabetically, year by year, under the general heading of 'Pleadings.'
- (6) **Depositions (from the Examiners' Office), called 'Town Depositions.'** 26 Hen. VIII to 1853. 2,508 Bundles. These are arranged alphabetically, Term by Term.



**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (EQUITY SIDE)**—(continued).**Chancery Proceedings**—(continued).

- (7) **Depositions taken by Commission, called 'Country Depositions.'** Elizabeth to Charles I. 767 Bundles. Arranged alphabetically.
- (8) **Do. 1649 to 1714.** 1,051 Bundles. Arranged alphabetically under each of the Six Clerks. The Country Depositions subsequent to 1714 are with the Proceedings (4) above.
- (9) **Depositions, 'Sealed' or Unpublished.** 391 Bundles. These are not open to public inspection.

The means of reference, in addition to the printed Calendar noticed above, are as follows:—

*Bill Books.* From about 1673 to 1859. 161 Vols. MS. These contain entries of all the Bills filed in Chancery arranged alphabetically year by year, the names of the Six Clerks and Clerks in Court who appeared for the plaintiffs being given in the margin, thus enabling the searcher to refer to the Division in which the Records should be indexed and also to the 'Cause Books' and 'Clerk in Court's Books.' From 1673 to 1713 the series is very imperfect. After 1842 the Bill Books contain, instead of the names of the Six Clerks, the numerical references to the Files of Pleadings and the names of the Vice-Chancellors.

*Cause Books.* From about 1620 to 1842. 103 Vols. MS. Each of the Six Clerks kept in his study a book called the 'Cause Book,' in which he entered in full the names of the Plaintiffs and Defendants in all suits in which the Bills were filed in his office, adding thereto the dates of the several Answers or Replications in the order in which they were filed. In the margin he entered the names of the Six Clerks and Sworn Clerks for the several Defendants and sometimes of the Solicitors for the Plaintiffs. When an answer was made by any of the Defendants in whose name he appeared, an entry thereof was also made by the Six Clerk in his Cause Book, with the date of filing such Answer. The Cause Books thus contain a complete record of the proceedings in every cause so far as relates to the time of filing Bills, Answers, and Replications. The entries are made alphabetically, under the Plaintiffs' names.

*Clerk in Court's Books.* From about 1713 to 1842. 139 Vols. MS. These were books kept by the several Clerks in Court or Sworn Clerks, in which they entered the dates of the Appearances and other proceedings in the suits with which they were concerned, together with the names of the *Solicitors* for the parties whom they represented, and the name of the *Sworn Clerks* for the other parties.

*Calendars and Indexes, as follows:—*

Chancery Proceedings. Series I. Elizabeth. A *Calendar*, printed by the Record Commission, in 3 Vols. folio, with Indexes of names and places. [Examples are prefixed of some of the earlier Chancery Proceedings from Ric. II to Hen. VIII.]

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (EQUITY SIDE)**—(continued).**Chancery Proceedings**—(continued).

Chancery Proceedings. Series I. Elizabeth. 1 Vol. MS. An *Index Nominum* only. [Some of the documents noticed in this Index are not included in the printed Calendar.]

Do. do. James I. 1 Vol. MS. An *Index Nominum* only.

Do. do. James I. An *Index Locorum* in 3 Vols. MS. [A calendar of these Proceedings is in preparation and will be printed in the series of Lists and Indexes.]

Do. do. Charles I. 4 Vols. MS. An *Index Nominum* only. (Printed by the British Record Society.)

Do. Series II. Elizabeth to Commonwealth. A *Calendar* printed in 3 Vols. (Lists and Indexes, Nos. VII, XXIV and XXX, 1896 to 1909.)

Depositions (Country). Elizabeth to Charles I. 1 Vol. MS. An *Index Nominum* referring to the Depositions taken by Commission, or 'Country' Depositions only.

Depositions (Town). Hen. VIII to Mary. *Index*, 1 Vol. MS.

Depositions (Unpublished). *Index*, 1 Vol. MS.

Bills, Answers, and Replications. 1649 to 1714. For each of the Six Clerks' Divisions the following are the indexes. Some of these volumes include Proceedings dated in the reigns of Elizabeth, James I and Charles I.

Bridges. *Alphabetical Calendar*. 4 Vols. printed (Lists and Indexes, Nos. XXXIX, XLII, XLIV and XLV).

Collins. *Index*. 3 Vols. MS.

Hamilton. *Alphabetical Calendar*. 14 Vols. MS.

Mitford. *Alphabetical Calendar*. 14 Vols. MS.

Reynardson. *Index*. Printed in 2 Vols. by the British Record Society.

Whittington. *Alphabetical Calendar*. 14 Vols. MS.

Depositions (Country). Before 1714. *Index*. 6 Vols. MS.

Bills, Answers and Depositions. 1714 to 1842. 38 Vols. MS. Since the year 1714, the Six Clerks' Books are in three sets, extending respectively from 1714 to 1758, 1758 to 1800, and 1800 to 1842, with a supplementary volume, entitled 'Records sorted since 1842,' referring to such documents as were found in the several studies on the abolition of the Six Clerks. The name of the division in which search should be made may be obtained from the Bill Books, but it is sometimes necessary to search all Six Divisions.

Pleadings, &c. 1842 to 1875. 105 Vols. MS. An *Alphabetical Index* to the Bills, Answers, Depositions, &c., arranged under Plaintiffs' names and entitled 'Index to Pleadings.'

**Decrees and Orders, Entry Books of.**

36 Hen. VIII to 1875. 1,262 Vols. These are the Entry Books kept by the Registrars of the Court of Chancery and formerly deposited in the Report Office.

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (EQUITY SIDE)**—(continued).**Decrees and Orders, Entry Books of**—(continued).

They are divided into two series, distinguished as '*Reg. Lib. A.*' and '*Reg. Lib. B.*' respectively. The first series or *Reg. Lib. A.* commences in 36 Henry VIII, and up to and including Trinity Term, 1629, contains the entries of Decrees and Orders from A to Z inclusive. After Trinity Term, 1629, this series contains letters A to K only.

The second series, or *Reg. Lib. B.*, commences in 1 Edw. VI, and contains entries of Decrees and Orders from A to Z inclusive, till Trinity Term, 1629, after which date it contains those from L to Z only.

Orders for the payment of Salaries to the Masters and other Officers are entered in these Books and indexed under the title '*Suitors' Fee Fund.*'

*Indexes.* 38 Hen. VIII to 1875. 640 Vols. MS.

**Decree Rolls.**

26 Hen. VIII to 1903. 2,256 Rolls, and Supplementary Series 348 Rolls. The Decree Rolls contain such Decrees, Orders, and Dismissions of the Court of Chancery, &c., as were *enrolled*, generally in order to render the record of the judgment more solemn and authoritative, any appeal against such Decrees or Orders having then to be made to the House of Lords. Any Decree or Order of the Court of Chancery (and also Orders by the Ecclesiastical Court in England '*Directing payment of any sum of money,*' and orders of the Court of Chancery of Ireland, and of the Incumbered Estates Court, Ireland, of a similar nature), might be enrolled within six months from the date thereof, but not later without special leave of the Court, and no enrolment of any Decree, &c., was allowed after the expiration of five years from the date thereof. In order to obtain the enrolment of any Decree or Order a *Docquet of Enrolment*, setting forth the preliminary proceedings, and reciting the Decree or Order to be enrolled, was drawn up, which Docquet, after having been inspected by one of the Clerks of Records and Writs, was signed by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the time being, and without such signature no Decree or Order could be enrolled. The original Docquets are preserved in Bundles from 26 Hen. VIII. Since the passing of the Judicature Act in 1875 the enrolment of Decrees and Orders of the Court of Chancery became unnecessary, with the exception of Orders confirming *Railway Schemes*, pursuant to Stat. 30 and 31 Vict., c. 127.\* The only other Orders enrolled subsequent to the passing of the above-mentioned Act are those of other Courts which it is intended to enforce by process issuing out of the Chancery Division, such as Orders of Irish Courts, under Stat. 41 Geo. III, c. 90, s. 5, and Orders of the Arches Court under 2 and 3 Wm. IV, c. 93, s. 2.

*Calendars and Indexes.* 14 Vols. MS., one of which is an *Index Locorum*.

\* Railway Schemes are filed with the Pleadings.



**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (EQUITY SIDE)**—(continued).**Liquidation Proceedings.**

695 Files and Vols. Proceedings and Accounts in Winding-up Actions under the various Companies Acts, from Stat. 11 and 12 Vict., c. 45 and onwards.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

18th and 19th centuries. 25 Vols., as follows :—

BRIEF BOOKS. 1706 to 1814. 4 Vols.

PETITION BOOK (VICE-CHANCELLOR'S). 1846 to 1848. 1 Vol.

ACCOUNT BOOK OF FEES ON PETITIONS. 1806 to 1833. 1 Vol.

PRECEDENT BOOKS. 16 Vols. from the Rolls Office and the Registrars' and Taxing Masters' Offices.

DIGEST OF ORDERS. 18th cent. 1 Vol.

REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON FEES IN CHANCERY, &c. 1733. 1 Vol.

RETURNS MADE FROM THE REGISTRARS' OFFICE. 1 Vol.

**Orders of Course.**

1834 to 1875. 118 Vols. An Order of Course is defined as 'an order made on an *ex parte* application, to which a party is entitled as of right on his own statement and at his own risk.' Among such orders are included Orders to amend or dismiss bills of complaint, to examine witnesses, to limit time wherein answer is to be pleaded, of assignment of guardians, permitting change of solicitors and (prior to 1873) orders to tax costs.

*Indexes.* 1834 to 1875. 42 Vols. MS.

**Orders to Tax.**

1873 to 1875. 5 Vols. These are the Orders to tax Solicitors' bills of costs made upon the application of clients. Prior to 1873 they were entered with the Orders of Course. Since 1873 they are indexed separately in the indexes to the latter under the names of the Solicitors.

**Petitions, Ordinary and Appeal.**

1774 to 1875. 1,584 Bundles. These are arranged alphabetically in bundles, according to the date of *filing*, which is generally *subsequent* to that of the Order made on the Petition. It was not the practice to file the Ordinary Petitions in Chancery suits prior to 1834. The 'Appeal Petitions,' however, extend from 1774 to 1869.

*Indexes.* Appeal Petitions, 1774-1869. 1 Vol. MS.

Ordinary Petitions, 1834-1875. 17 Vols. MS.

**Petitions, Corporation.**

1836 to 1845. 3 Bundles. These are Petitions for the appointment of Charity Trustees.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS..

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (EQUITY SIDE)**—(continued).**Petition Books (Lord Chancellor's).**

1756 to 1858. 43 Vols. These are entry books of the Petitions presented in Chancery. Prior to the year 1800 they contain fairly full abstracts, frequently complete transcripts, of the petitions, but subsequent to that year only a brief note of the purport with the name of the Solicitor, the petitions being entered day by day according to the date of presentation. To each of the earlier volumes an index of its contents is prefixed. The books contain also entries of letters to the Lord Chancellor relative to the administration of his Office and of warrants to the Clerk or Keeper of the Hanaper to pay accounts for furniture, stationery and other expenses of the Chancery.

**Receiver's Accounts.**

3,774 Vols., &c. These are Accounts rendered by Receivers appointed by the Court in various Causes and Matters. They include also Accounts of the Official Liquidator in Matters under the Companies Acts. They date from 1859 and are arranged in alphabetical order in two Series.

**Registrars' Court or Minute Books.**

1639 to 1875. 4,776 Vols. These contain the Notes taken in Court by the several Registrars on the hearing of the Causes, with Minutes of the decision of the Court, &c. They are arranged in Terms, there being generally one volume per Term for each Registrar, for which reason they are sometimes designated 'Term Books.'

**Reports and Certificates.**

1544 to 1875. 3,330 Vols. These are the Original Reports made to the Court by the Masters in Chancery on the matters referred to them for their investigation and opinion, extending in date from 1544 to the abolition of the Masters in Chancery in 1852. Subsequent to the latter date they consist of the Certificates of the Chief Clerks and Taxing Masters, with the accounts, &c., thereto annexed. The Accountant-General and Paymaster-General's Certificates are not included in this class and are no longer preserved.

The Reports and Certificates are bound up in volumes, in which the documents are alphabetically arranged Term by Term. There is also a **Supplementary** set of reports extending from 1703 to 1799 (25 Vols. and Bundles), with some few of earlier date, consisting principally of such documents as were too bulky to be bound up in their regular order. These documents are marked in the Indexes as 'Not Bundled.' The last volume consists of 'Corporation Reports' (relating to Charities in various Boroughs), from 1836 to 1846, arranged alphabetically under the names of the Boroughs or 'Corporations.' Schemes for the administration of Charities will also be found amongst the ordinary Reports. With the documents transferred from the Report Office with the Reports and in addition to the **Awards and Agreements** described above were:—

**Exceptions to Reports, &c.,** 1756 to 1859. 44 Bundles. The nature of these documents is sufficiently explained by their Title.

*Alphabetical Indexes.* 1606 to 1875. 267 Vols. MS.

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (EQUITY SIDE)**—(continued).**Chancery Masters' Documents.**

It was the practice of the Court of Chancery to refer various matters, as questions of disputed facts or matters of account, to one of the Masters in Ordinary, who in due course made his Report thereon to the Court.

The **Masters' Documents**, which were placed under the charge and superintendence of the Master of the Rolls by the Act of 40 & 41 Vict., c. 55, and are now deposited in the Public Record Office, consist of :—

(1) The Evidence, as Affidavits, Examinations of Witnesses, Accounts, and other documents on which the Master founded his Report, together with the Drafts of the said Reports. These are arranged under the names of the several Masters, and are indexed under the titles of the causes.

There is also a Series of **Masters' Account Books**, consisting of 6,754 volumes, arranged according to the titles of the causes. There is a MS. Index to these in 4 Vols.

The foregoing are open to public inspection.

(2) The Title-Deeds, Court Rolls, and other documents produced before the several Masters as Exhibits and remaining unclaimed.

These are not open to inspection except by an Order of the Master of the Rolls, countersigned by the Treasury, who before granting such Order are to be satisfied that the applicant represents one of the parties to the cause who, if living, would be entitled to inspect the documents, or that he has a right to the documents themselves, in which case the Master of the Rolls is empowered to deliver them to the applicant.

**Leases, Mortgages, &c.**

1691 to 1816. 1 Bundle. A small collection of original Indentures of Lease and Release, of Mortgage, Assignment, &c.

**Long Account Books.**

(*Crown Office.*) 1783 to 1870. 9 Vols. These set out the fees received for patents and their distribution amongst the various offices of the Chancery.

**Lunacy, Commissions and Inquisitions of.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) Charles I to 1869. 37 Bundles. These consist of commissions *de lunatico inquirendo* with the returns thereto, arranged down to the year 1852 alphabetically, subsequent to that chronologically.

The inquisitions of an earlier date, together with a few as late as the reign of Charles II, as to the lands of Idiots and Lunatics are amongst the **Inquisitions Post Mortem**, *q.v.*

*Index.* Charles I to 1852. 1 Vol. MS. (The indexes from 1853 to 1869 are at the King's Bench Crown Office.)

The Accounts, Affidavits, Reports, and Orders relating to the estates of lunatics are in the custody of the Lunacy Office, where are preserved some of the Docket Books of Grants of Custodies, a Registration Book from 1676 to 1837, and other records.



**Lunacy, Commissions and Inquisitions of—(continued).**

The appointment of *Committees* of the persons and estates of lunatics, and the examination of their accounts were, under certain circumstances, vested in the Masters of the Court of Chancery.

**Masters Extraordinary, Fiats for.**

(*Crown Office.*) 1683 to 1875. 28 Vols. Fiats signed by the Chancellor or Lord Keeper for commissions appointing Masters Extraordinary in Chancery to administer oaths. Each volume is *indexed* under Counties, &c.

**Miscellanea of the Chancery.**

Under this title are comprised a great variety of documents, the greater part of which were formerly preserved in the Tower of London, and have been referred to in previous publications as 'Tower Miscellaneous Rolls' or 'Chancery Miscellaneous Rolls.' They have now been arranged under the following heads, and a complete Catalogue has been prepared in Manuscript. It may be observed that these documents were formerly classified as Records of the Chancery because they were deposited in the Tower of London; some of them, however, are certainly Records of the Exchequer and others Records of the King's Wardrobe.

**Bundle****I. DOCUMENTS RELATING TO FEUDAL SERVICE.**

40 Henry III to 1 Richard II. These include returns of persons holding lands by military service who ought to be knights, inquisitions as to scutage due from various fees, and the like. Several of them have been printed in *Parliamentary Writs and Writs of Military Summons* (edited by Sir F. Palgrave).

**2. ARMY ACCOUNTS, &c.**

5 Henry III to 21 Henry VIII. Returns to Commissions of Array and of persons liable to do military service; accounts and other documents relative to military and naval works.

**3. HOUSEHOLD AND WARDROBE, WORKS, &c.**

8 John to 45 Elizabeth. Accounts for the most part of provisions and goods for the royal household, repairs to castles, rolls of New Year's Gifts.

**4. WARDROBE BOOKS.**

Edward I. Account books of controllers and others. There is also a portion of a household book of Dame Alice Bryene from 13 Henry IV to 1 Henry V.

**5. MARSHALSEA ROLLS OR PROFFERS OF SERVICE.**

5 Edward I to 16 Edward II. The Rolls of the Marshalsea or 'Proffers of Service' are the rolls, kept by the Constable or Earl Marshal of the Army, or by their lieutenants, on which were recorded the names of all those who, in obedience to the Writs of Military Summons, appeared either personally or by deputy at the place appointed and proffered their

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service, together with the names of the knights, esquires, sergeants or others by whom such service was to be performed, the number of their horses, and the nature of their equipment, &c. A roll of this kind was made up on every muster of the King's host, but very few are still extant. These rolls were drawn up for Exchequer purposes and several of them were originally deposited with the Records of that Department. Some have been printed in *Parliamentary Writs*.

6. PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE COURTS OF CHIVALRY AND ADMIRALTY.

9 to 12 Richard II. These include the proceedings in the Scrope and Grosvenor cause of arms which have been printed by Sir Harris Nicholas.

7. SPECIAL COMMISSIONS (VARIOUS).

Edward III to James I. Included amongst these are the returns to Special Commissions of inquiry respecting the decay of tillage and the depopulation of rural districts by the conversion of arable land into pasture taken pursuant to the Statute of 6 Henry VIII. They have nearly all been printed in a volume entitled the *Domesday of Inclosures*, edited for the Royal Historical Society by I. S. Leadam.

The bundle contains also a file of inquisitions and other records concerning the claim of John le Scrop of Masham, to his family estates (2 & 3 Hen. VI); returns to Commissions relating to Colleges and Chantries (38 Hen. VIII); transcripts of proceedings before various Commissioners of Sewers and of proceedings in the Court of King's Bench relating to sea-banks, &c., returned into the Court of Chancery pursuant to Writs of Certiorari (Edw. II to Hen. VI); in addition to a number of Special Commissions of inquiry upon various matters, included amongst which are some Presentments of Forest offences of the reign of Henry VIII, formerly with the Ancient Forest Proceedings.

8. SPECIAL COMMISSIONS AS TO LIBERTIES, &c.

Edward II. Inquisitions respecting Liberties and Franchises in divers Counties.

9. TRANSCRIPTS OF DEEDS AND EVIDENCES.

Henry III to Philip and Mary. These include some deeds of partition; also the following documents relating to the Jews:—

No. 48. A Roll entitled 'Scrutinium factum archæ chirographariorum Colecestriæ,' containing a schedule of debts owing to the Jews by various persons.

No. 49. A similar Roll relating to the Jews of York.

No. 50. A Roll of the Sales of the houses of condemned Jews made by order of the King.

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CHANNEL ISLANDS. Edward I to Elizabeth. Returns to special commissions of inquiry relative to the rights of the Crown, ancient customs and various other matters, extents of lands, &c.

IRELAND. Henry III to Elizabeth. Inquisitions and other records relative to lands, liberties, services of tenants, rights of jurisdiction, &c.; records of criminal proceedings; writs and returns *de causa captionis* of castles, manors and offices; documents relating to the temporalities of bishoprics and religious houses, ecclesiastical matters, submissions, appointments of lords lieutenant and others, indentures of war, &c.

WALES. Edward I to Richard III. Writs and returns relating to lands; records of proceedings before the justices and others; documents relative to the accounts of various offices of the Crown; ecclesiastical documents, &c.

**11 & 12. FORESTS (ANCIENT).**

John to Henry VI. These consist chiefly of Perambulations of the Royal Forests in the reigns of Henry III and Edward I, with Inquisitions as to trespasses and boundaries.

**13. FOREIGN MERCHANTS.**

Henry III to Henry VIII. These are chiefly of the 13th and 14th centuries and relate to loans made by Florentine and other merchants; to the transactions of the Scali, the Bardi, the Peruzzi, and other firms; to shipping matters, &c.

**14. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS FORMERLY WITH THE INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM AND OTHER CLASSES.**

Henry III to Henry VII. Documents not belonging to any existing class.

**15 to 21. ECCLESIASTICAL DOCUMENTS.**

Henry III to William and Mary. A collection of documents relating to elections, institutions and resignations of clergy, matrimonial, testamentary and other ecclesiastical causes, indulgences, tithes, corrodies, excommunications, alien clergy, the collection of clerical subsidies, visitations of hospitals, and similar matters. An early certified transcript of the valuation made in consequence of the grant by Pope Nicholas IV to Edward I in 1288 exists amongst these documents (Bundle 21, No. 20).

**22. SCOTTISH DOCUMENTS.**

Henry III to Henry VII. Most of these are referred to in Bain's *Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland* or printed in Stevenson's *Documents illustra-*



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*tive of the History of Scotland.* They are now formed into 13 Files, as below :—

- File 1. Documents printed by Stevenson (Vol. I), referred to in Bain's Calendar as 'Chancery Misc. Rolls, 474.'
- „ 2. Documents printed by Stevenson (Vol. II), referred to by Bain, as above.
- „ 3. Documents referred to by Bain as 'Chancery Misc. Portf. 41.' (Nos. 1 to 118.)
- „ 4. Ditto. ditto. (Nos. 119 et seq.)
- „ 5. Ditto. as 'Chancery Misc. Portf. 11.' (Calendared in Vols. I and II.)
- „ 6. Ditto. as 'Chancery Misc. Portf. 11.' (Calendared in Vols. III and IV.)
- „ 7. Documents referred to by Bain as 'Tower Privy Seals,' but withdrawn from that Series as being of a distinct nature.  
(Documents in the nature of Privy Seals or Warrants referred to in Bain's Calendar will be found in the new collection of 'Warrants (Chancery)' under the date given.)
- „ 8. Documents reproduced in the *Facsimiles of Nat. MSS. (Scotland)*, formerly in the Tower Autograph Book.
- „ 9. Documents referred to by Bain as 'Tower Misc. Rolls, 459.' (Nos. 1 to 125.)
- „ 10. Ditto.  
(Unnumbered, calendared in Vol. III.)
- „ 11. Ditto.  
(Unnumbered, calendared in Vol. IV.)

N.B.—The unnumbered documents are arranged in the same order as in the Calendar.

Files 12 and 13. Documents of a similar nature relating to Scottish affairs, formerly amongst the Diplomatic Documents of the Chancery. Henry III to Henry VI.

## 23. SCOTTISH DOCUMENTS : HOMAGE ROLLS.

19–24 Edward I. These consist of five rolls, the first two of which, sometimes called the 'Great Roll of Scotland,' are duplicates and relate to the competition for the crown of Scotland between Balliol, Bruce, and others. (Cp. Rymer's *Foedera*, Vol. II, pp. 542–600, which is printed from the Exchequer version of this Roll.)

The remaining rolls are triplicates of the so-called 'Ragman Roll,' which contains the enrolments of the 'Homage Bills' or submissions of the Prelates, Nobility, and Commonalty of Scotland to Edward I. This Roll was printed by the Bannatyne Club in 1834.

## 24 to 26. FRENCH POSSESSIONS.

Henry III to Henry VIII. Writs and returns, petitions and claims, warrants, letters and other documents relating to Calais, Normandy, Picardy, Gascony, Guienne, Saintonge and other English possessions in France.

## 27 to 32. DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS.

Henry III to Henry VIII. These relate principally to the relations between this country and France and Scotland. A general Catalogue of the Diplomatic

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Documents in the Chancery and Exchequer is in course of preparation to be issued in the series of Lists and Indexes.

## 33 to 36. MISCELLANEA (UNCLASSIFIED).

These bundles contain amongst other matters a collection of Certificates of Election of Sheriffs, Mayors, Escheators, Constables of the Staple and others (Edw. I to Chas. I), an Agreement between King John and the Earl Marshal and others for the observance of the Great Charter, writs of allowance and vouchers of various accountants (Hen. III to Hen. VI), &c.

## 37. STONOR AND CELY PAPERS.

Two collections of private family papers of which the correspondence has now been added to the **Ancient Correspondence** and the **Supplementary Series of State Papers**.

## 38 to 46. GUILD CERTIFICATES.

12 Richard II. These consist of the Returns made to the King in Council, pursuant to Statute 12 Richard II, as to the Ordinances, Usages and Property, &c., of the various Guilds and Brotherhoods throughout England. They have been arranged under Counties. Such of the Returns as are written in English have been printed in full in Toulmin Smith's *English Gilds*.

## 47 to 88. TRANSCRIPTS OF RECORDS.

Edward I to Elizabeth. These documents, which are frequently referred to in the Ancient Calendars as 'Brevia Regia et Recorda,' appear to have at one time formed a branch of the Chancery Files, consisting of such Writs of Certiorari with the Returns thereto as in any way affected the interests of the Crown or respecting which further proceedings before the King were contemplated.

They comprised transcripts of Placita de Quo Warranto and other pleadings in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, or before the Justices Itinerant and Justices of Assize, together with transcripts from Domesday Book and other Exchequer Records and of Feet of Fines, and Inquisitions of various kinds. They also included a certain number of proceedings in local courts and before Commissioners of Sewers. With them were also filed the earlier proceedings on the Common Law side of Chancery or 'Placita in Cancellaria.' They were at first arranged chronologically in Bundles or Parts, but at a later period the documents were sorted into Counties, and an elaborate Calendar of them was commenced under the title of 'County

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Placita.' This Calendar was, however, discontinued after the documents relating to a few Counties had been described.

The whole collection has now been catalogued and filed in Counties.

89 to 146. **WRITS AND RETURNS.**

Henry III to Charles II. These have been filed in Counties and reigns.

**Miscellanea.**

(*Crown Office.*) Chas. I to Victoria. 1 Bundle. This consists of Precedents (Chas. I), a roll of forms of oaths prepared apparently in the reign of Will. III, minutes on Acts of Parliament relating to the holding of Parliament (Geo. III to Vict.), copies returned on writs of *certiorari* of a few private Acts (1685 to 1721) and the King's Bill for the creation of the peerage of Lord Hyde (Nov., 1815), for which the letters patent were never completed.

**Miscellaneous Papers.**

1660 to 1790. 1 Bundle. Papers in suits, briefs for subscriptions, &c., received from the Registrars' Office.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

(*Crown Office.*) 1485 to 1914. 42 Vols. These include the following:—

PRECEDENT BOOKS. 1485 to 1790.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. Lists (Hen. VIII to Jas. II) and Entry Books for England, Wales and Scotland (1878 to 1914).

HOUSE OF COMMONS ORDERS. 1698 to 1846. Orders to the Clerk of the Crown to attend and amend returns.

ENTRY BOOKS OF PARLIAMENTARY RETURNS. 1689 to 1841. Returns of Members of Parliament.

ENTRY BOOKS OF WARRANTS. 1714 and 1715 and 1810 to 1829.

REGISTERS OF ECCLESIASTICAL DISPENSATIONS. 1715 to 1849.

ENTRY BOOKS OF WRITS OF STATUTE STAPLE. 1601 to 1675.

**Miscellaneous Rolls.**

(*Rolls Chapel Series.*) 17 Bundles. A small collection of patents, mostly between the reigns of Charles I and George II, some of which have not been enrolled on the Patent Rolls. The Denization Rolls, the enrolments of Commissions of the Peace, of Commissions of Bankruptcy and of Passes for Ships formerly in this series have been added to the **Patent Rolls, Supplementary**. In addition to the patents, the following rolls are included in this collection:—

Exemplification of Proceedings on a Petition of Right concerning the possessions of the Earl of Pembroke. 15 Rich. II.

Account of the Receiver of two parts of the possessions of Sir Richard Cergeaux, Kt., in the County of Cornwall. 22-23 Rich. II.



**Miscellaneous Rolls**—(continued).

Recognizances in Writs of Entry in Recoveries. 19 Hen. VII.

Petitions of Sir W. Fynden, Kt., late Sheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdon. Temp. Hen. VII.

Warrants from the Court of Wards and Liveries for Grants of Wardships. Temp. Elizabeth.

A roll containing a list of all Patents for Baronetries from 15 to 37 Charles II.

A roll containing the Admissions of Officers of the Rolls Chapel from 25 Charles II.

(*Petty Bag Office Series*.) Henry VIII to George I. 24 Bundles. Enrolments of miscellaneous matters, included amongst which are the Declarations denying the marriage of Charles II with the Duke of Monmouth's mother and the Declarations concerning the birth of the son of James II; a Customers Patent Roll (Jas. II) and a Roll of Surrenders (1849 to 1875). There is a MS. list of the contents of this series.

**Oath Rolls.**

(*Crown Office*.) 1701 to 1858. 3 Rolls and 1 Vol. Officers sworn by the Clerk of the Crown.

*Index*. 1701 to 1760. 1 Vol. MS. The oaths taken between 1760 and 1858 are entered in a book which is indexed.

**Oath Rolls, Association.**

(*Petty Bag Office*.) 8 William III. 31 Bundles. These were subscribed by all persons bearing offices, pursuant to the 'Solemn Association' entered into by the Parliament of William III to defend his Majesty's person and Government against all plots and conspiracies. They are exceedingly voluminous, comprising upwards of 473 Rolls, and including all the Members of the House of Commons, the Freemen of all the City Companies, the Military and Civil Officers of the Crown, and the Clergy and Gentry throughout England and Wales. There are two contemporary catalogues of the rolls included with them.

**Oath Rolls, Various.**

(*Petty Bag Office*.) Oaths of Allegiance and Test Oaths. Charles II to Victoria. 36 Rolls, being the Original Oaths to which the signatures of the jurors were affixed.

The Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and also the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, were by several Statutes and Ordinances enacted against Papists and Nonconformists directed to be taken by all persons holding offices, civil or military. The chief of these statutes were:—

(1) The *Corporation Act* of 13 Chas. II, by which no person could be legally elected to any office relating to the government of any City or Corporation unless within one year before accepting such office he had received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the rites of the Church of England, being at the same time enjoined to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

(2) The *Test Act*, 25 Chas. II, cap. 2, by which all officers, civil and military, and persons having places of trust under his Majesty, were directed to take the oath and make the declara-

**Oath Rolls, Various**—(continued).

tion against transubstantiation in the Court of King's Bench or Chancery, and within six months after their admission to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in some public church, and to deliver into Court a Certificate thereof signed by the Minister and Churchwardens.

**Oaths, Enrolments of.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) Charles II to Anne. 7 Rolls. These include a Roll containing the names of all the officers and men in his Majesty's Fleet who had taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, 12 Chas. II.

**Officers of the Court, Admission Rolls of.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) 39 Elizabeth to 1874. 20 Rolls. These include the admissions of the Six Clerks and their under clerks, of the Clerks of the Petty Bag, of Custom House Officers, of the Examiners and Masters in Chancery, of the Serjeants at Law and others, and also the surrenders of offices by the under clerks and other officers of the Court.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Orders in Council.**

(*Crown Office.*) 1703 to 1891. 4 Bundles. Bundles 1 and 2 contain signed and sealed copies of Orders for commissions to give the royal assent to Irish Acts of Parliament and for their engrossment in order to pass the Great Seal (1703 to 1800). Bundles 3 and 4 consist of similar copies of Orders relating to the summoning and prorogation of Parliament and Convocation and the holding of the Assizes (1800 to 1891).

**Parliamentary and Council Proceedings.**

Henry III to Elizabeth. 65 Files and 9 Rolls. A collection of Transcripts of Statutes, Pleadings, and other proceedings in Parliament and before the Council, formerly amongst the Miscellaneous Records in the Tower of London.

*List.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Parliament Pawns.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) 21 Hen. VIII to 1880. 4 Bundles. These consist of the enrolments of Writs of Summons of Peers to Parliament, including since the Union the proclamations for the elections of the Scottish representative Peers, together with the writs to the Sheriffs of England, Wales and Scotland for the elections of members of the House of Commons.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

Before 21 Hen. VIII the Writs of Summons are enrolled on the back of the Close Rolls.

**Parliament, Writs and Returns of Members to.**

1275 to 1918. 281 Portfolios and Bundles. These are the original Writs for the election of Knights and Burgesses to serve in Parliament, with the Returns thereto, the *Single Returns* being kept distinct from the *General Returns*. Abstracts

**Parliament, Writs and Returns of Members to—(continued).**

of these returns, giving the name of every member returned to serve in Parliament from the earliest period to 1885, with the name of the constituency represented, so far as they can be ascertained therefrom, have been printed in a Return to two orders of the House of Commons, dated respectively 4 May, 1876, and 9 March, 1877, the information given being checked and supplemented by reference to the Books of Parliamentary Returns preserved at the Crown Office. An Index has been made to these Abstracts, and published in two Volumes

*Transcripts, Chronological Abstract and Calendar.* Edw. I and Edw. II. Printed by the Record Commissioners in *Parliamentary Writs and Writs of Military Summons, &c.*, 4 Vols. or Parts (*see above Close Rolls*).

*Transcripts.* Edw. III to Edw. IV. 54 Vols. MS. (prepared in continuation of the preceding from various sources).

*Chronological Abstracts.* i to 51 Edw. III. 8 Vols. MS.

*Calendar of Parliamentary Writs.* Edw. III and Rich. II. 6 Vols. MS.

**Petty Bag Office, Books, Papers, &c., relating to the administration of.**

20 Bundles. The duties of the Clerks of the Petty Bag have already been described. The various records of their Office are separately described under their respective class titles.

**Petty Bag Office, Miscellaneous Papers, Exhibits, &c.**

179 Bundles. These contain amongst other things Affidavits as to the qualifications of Chancery Solicitors from 1730 to 1836, and other records relative to their admission down to the year 1889, papers subsidiary to the issuing of Parliamentary Writs, papers and exhibits in Lunacy and Bankruptcy proceedings, and precipes for Writs from 1837 to 1861.

**Reports of Commissioners on Courts of Justice.**

1740 to 1864. 64 Vols., &c. The Original Reports of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Fees, &c., of the several Courts of Justice are preserved amongst the Records transmitted from the Petty Bag Office. There is a MS. list of the Reports.

**Sacrament Certificates.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) 1673 to 1778. 33 Bundles. These are the Certificates, signed by the Minister and Churchwardens of each Parish, of such persons as had received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, pursuant to the Test Act of 25 Charles II.

Similar Certificates exist amongst the Records of other Courts.

**Sewers, Commissions and Laws of.**

The Commissioners of Sewers were in early reigns appointed at the pleasure of the Crown, 'in all parts of the Realm wherever needful,' by Commission under the Great Seal, granted *pro re nata*, such Commissions to endure for five, and sometimes for 10 or 15 years.



**Sewers, Commissions and Laws of—(continued).**

By Statute 23 Hen. VIII it was enacted that the Commissions were to be at the discretion and nomination of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, and Chief Justices, and to continue for 10 years unless repealed by a new Commission. The duties of the Commissioners of Sewers were to over-look the repairs of sea-banks and sea-walls, and the cleansing of rivers, public streams, ditches, &c., for the carrying off of water, and were limited to the county for which they were specially appointed. They were empowered to make Laws and Ordinances for the carrying out of such repairs, and to assess and levy such rates as they deemed necessary for that purpose. They might decree the sale of lands in default of payment of such rate, but their Decrees were to be certified into Chancery and to have the royal assent; and the Commissioners were subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of King's Bench. Their own Courts have been regarded as Courts of Record and the records of proceedings before them remain usually in their custody or in that of their present representatives.

**Laws of Sewers, &c.**

(*Petty Bag Office*), as follows:—

Laws and Ordinances of Sewers. 42 Elizabeth to 1831. 2 Bundles. These contain also several Commissions of Sewers with the Inquisitions thereon.

Do. Enrolments of. 8 Charles I to 1714. 4 Rolls.

Decrees relating to Bedford Level. 16 & 17 Charles II to 36 Charles II. 8 Bundles or Parts.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Petitions and Fiats for Commissions of Sewers.**

(*Crown Office*.) 1685 to 1871. 8 Vols. These are the original Petitions for Commissions of Sewers to which Plans are frequently attached.

**Sheepshanks Deed of Gift.**

1 Vol. This is the original deed of gift dated 2 Feb., 1857, whereby the collection of pictures belonging to John Sheepshanks was by him presented to the nation as a contribution to the formation of a National Gallery of British Art. The deed is enrolled for safe custody on the Close Rolls.

**Sheriffs' Rolls.**

(*Petty Bag Office*.) 36 Henry VIII to 28 Charles II. 51 Rolls. These consist of the enrolments of the lists of persons proposed as Sheriffs, showing which names were duly pricked. Similar Rolls amongst the Miscellaneous Rolls of the Court of Chancery have been added to this Series.

(*Six Clerks' Office*.) 1700 to 1848. 100 Rolls.

A complete List of all the Sheriffs of England from the earliest period to the reign of William IV, extracted from the Pipe Rolls and other sources, has been printed in the series of 'Lists and Indexes' (No. IX, 1898).

**Significations of Excommunication.**

1220 to 1611. 217 Files. These consist mainly of significations to the Crown of excommunications by ecclesiastical authorities, but include also some certificates of purgation. In most cases, especially in earlier times, merely the name of the offender is given; but occasionally the offence is specified and there are instances of almost every subject which could come before an ecclesiastical court. When an offender remained contumacious for forty days after public excommunication, the fact was signified to the Chancery by the bishop and a writ of *significavit* or *de excommunicato capiendo* was issued to the sheriff. Several other authorities having peculiar jurisdiction also claimed this episcopal right, in some cases apparently by prescription and in others by grant by letters patent. Among them were some deans of royal free chapels and some archdeacons.

The Significations have been arranged chronologically under the bishops or other ecclesiastical authorities issuing them. Those of a later date will be found amongst the **Cursitors' Records** of the Petty Bag Office.

**Six Clerks' Office, Papers, Books, &c., relating to the administration of.**

Elizabeth to Victoria. 44 Bundles. These include Treatises on the antiquity and constitution of the Six Clerks' Office and on the Chancery records, proceedings in Chancery respecting the said Office and its duties, Rule Books, Old Indexes, &c.

**Statute Staple Proceedings.****Statute Staple, Certificates and Recognizances of.**

(*Rolls Chapel Office.*) Henry VIII to Anne. 46 Bundles. By the Statute of the Staple of 27 Edw. III the Mayor and Constables of the Staple, in each town in which a Staple of Wools or other merchandise was established, were empowered to take and seal Recognizances or Obligations of Debts; upon which, on default of payment, the Mayor might imprison the Debtor and attach his goods, to be afterwards sold for the satisfaction of the Creditor. If, however, the Debtor should not be found within the limits of the Staple in question the obligation was to be certified into the Chancery, from which Court process should thereupon issue.

*Inventory.* Report IV, App. II, p. 110.

The Certificates and Recognizances of an earlier date than Hen. VIII with extents and other proceedings on the Statute Staple, will be found amongst the **Brevia Regia** (*Tower Series*).

**Statute Staple, Proceedings on the.**

(*Petty Bag Office.*) Jas. I to Geo. III. 35 Bundles. Extents, re-extents, and other proceedings on the Statute Staple, formerly deposited in the Petty Bag Office, and known as 'Writs of Execution.' No proceedings have been taken upon Statute Staple since 15 George III.

**Surveys of Church Livings.**

Commonwealth. 3 Vols. These contain the Presentments of the Inhabitants of the various Parishes throughout England of the number and value of the Ecclesiastical Benefices therein, with the names of the incumbents, &c., made pursuant to an Order of Parliament dated 20th Dec., 1649.

Vol. 1 contains the Returns for the Counties of Berks, Bucks, Essex, Gloucester, Hertford, Lancaster, and Lincoln.

Vol. 2, the returns for Dorset only.

Vol. 3, the returns for the Counties of Middlesex, Norfolk, Northumberland, Oxford, Sussex, Westmoreland, Wilts, and Yorkshire.

The above, with the exception of one or two Commissions and Returns amongst the Miscellanea, are the only original returns known to exist, but there are in the Lambeth Library 24 large volumes, consisting chiefly of official copies of these returns, which were made very shortly after the originals and in many cases supply their places when wanting.

**Swainmote Court Rolls of Windsor Forest.**

2 Edw. VI to 14 Charles I. 21 Bundles.

*Inventory.* Report V, App. II, pp. 57-59.

**Vetus Codex, or Placita Parliamentaria.**

A volume amongst the Tower Records (sometimes called the Black Book of the Tower), containing an ancient transcript of the Rolls of Parliament from 18 to 35 Edw. I and of the 12th year of Edw. II.

It is not known by whom or on what occasion this transcript was made, but it is referred to in the Parliament Roll 6 Ric. II, Part 2, m. 26, as being then in the Tower of London.

The 'Vetus Codex' is printed in Ryley's *Placita Parliamentaria*, with an Appendix of illustrative Records.

**Warrants for the Great Seal.**

*Series I.* Henry III to Richard III. 1,796 Files.

*Series II.* Henry VII to Anne. 360 Bundles.

*Series III.* George I to George V. 411 Bundles.

In this class are included the various instruments which constituted the authority of the Chancellor or Keeper for affixing the Great Seals to acts signifying the King's pleasure. Such authority therefore has always come from the Crown, either directly or indirectly through one of its ministers. Anciently, any minister of the Crown acting within the scope of his office might issue it, but in more modern times the persons entitled to assume responsibility for the expression of the royal pleasure have been strictly limited by statute. At the present day the methods of passing a warrant for affixing the Great Seal to any instrument are comparatively simple, but in the past the process was at some periods highly complicated, involving many stages before the final authentication. For some account of these reference may be made to Sir Francis Palgrave's account of the



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Offices and Documents connected with the working of the Great Seal in the Second Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records (pp. 26 *seq.*), and for the present day practice to Anson, *Law and Custom of the Constitution* (3rd Ed.), Vol. II, Part I, pp. 50–59.

*Series I.* The documents in this have been bound up in files and classified under the following sub-divisions, each of which, except where otherwise noted, is arranged in strict chronological order.

Writs of Privy Seal, Hen. III to Rich. III.

Letters of Privy Seal, 17 to 43 Edw. III.

Bills of Privy Seal, 5 Edw. II to 2 Rich. III.

Warrants under the Signet and other small Seals, including Letters Missive, 6 Edw. II to 2 Rich. III.

Signed Bills and other direct Warrants, Edw. I to Rich. III. (Arranged partly chronologically and partly alphabetically.)

Regent's Warrants, 26 Edw. I to Hen. V.

Warrants of the Council, Edw. III to Edw. IV.

Warrants for letters obligatory to Ecclesiastics, 12 Edw. III.

Treasurer's Warrants, Edw. I to Rich. III. (Arranged alphabetically.)

Butler's Warrants, Edw. III to Rich. III.

Household Warrants, Edw. I to Rich. III.

Various Warrants, Edw. I to Rich. III. These include amongst others the following:—Warrants issued by sundry ministers, warrants for protection of clergy (25 Edw. I), warrants for writs of *allocate* and *liberate*, warrants arranged under the names of the Chancellors, warrants addressed to Keepers of the Seal or Masters of the Rolls, warrants for protections and attorneys (arranged alphabetically under the names of leaders on behalf of whose followers protections were sought or authorised), warrants for the army and navy, raising hoblors and archers, relating to financial matters, &c., &c.

Requests for secular aid against rebellious monks. (Arranged under the respective religious orders.)

In addition to the warrants in this class other instruments which served the Chancellor as the authority for affixing the Great Seal will be found in the classes of **Ancient Correspondence** and **Ancient Petitions** amongst the **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS** and in the series of Warrants amongst the **Chancery Files** now under arrangement. Richard II ordered the records of the Privy Seal Office to be transferred to the Chancery and the earlier records of this Office are probably to be found unidentified amongst the Chancery Warrants for the Great Seal.

*Series II & III.* These are uniformly arranged in monthly bundles with the exception of those of more recent date which are bundled in accordance with the parts of the Patent Rolls on which they are respectively enrolled. These more recent warrants include only those instruments under the Great Seal which it is now customary to enrol on the Patent Rolls. The authorities for other records under the Seal not so enrolled will be found amongst the various classes of Fiats and Warrants

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from the Chancery Crown Office elsewhere described here and may be searched to the year 1810 in the Docquet Books of that Office.

*Calendar.* Henry VIII. Included in the *Calendar of Letters and Papers* of the reign.

*Do.* 1 to 7 Chas. I. Report XLIII, App. i, pp. 1-205.

*Do.* 8 to 11 Chas. I. Report XLVIII, pp. 451-560.

*Docquet Books* (Patent Office). 1617 to 1883. 20 Vols.

*Indices Nominum* to the foregoing. 1660 to 1883. 4 Vols.

*Docquet Books* (Crown Office). 1595 to 1810. 13 Vols.

The Docquet Books of the Signet Office (1584 to 1835) and those of the Privy Seal Office (1571 to 1884) may also be used as means of reference to the Chancery Warrants.

**Warrants.**

**Foreign Office.** (*Crown Office.*) 1859 to 1910. 4 Bundles. Warrants for affixing the Great Seal to Treaties, Conventions, &c., signed and sealed by the Sovereign and countersigned by the Foreign Secretary.

**Speaker's.** (*Crown Office.*) 1694 to 1895. 19 Vols., &c. Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown issued and signed by the Speaker for making out writs for the election of Members of Parliament. The volumes are *indexed*.

**Royal Marriages.** (*Crown Office.*) 1861 to 1905. 1 Bundle. Warrants under the Royal Marriages Act sealed and signed by the Sovereign, countersigned by the Home Secretary, for the issue of letters under the Great Seal signifying the Crown's assent to royal marriages.

**Wills.**

1669 to 1799. 1 Bundle. A small collection of Probates, Copies and Extracts of Wills transferred from the Office of the Chancery Registrars.

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## THE EXCHEQUER.

The ancient Exchequer (*Scaccarium Regis*) was primarily a place where the King's debtors were called to account; secondarily a court of law wherein cases touching the rights and revenues of the Crown were heard and determined.

The name Exchequer (French *Eschequier*, Latin *Scaccarium*) is derived from the chequered cloth resembling a chess-board, which covered the table there, and on which, when the accounts were made up, the sums were computed by means of counters. Prior to the introduction into this country of the use of Arabic numerals the adoption of some such system or abacus as a means for ready reckoning was a necessity.

The institution of the Exchequer dates, therefore, from the adoption of this system, and this has been recently proved on conclusive evidence to have taken place at some date in the reign of Henry I, probably in the second decade of the 12th cent., and certainly not later than May, 1118.\* From the Author of the *Dialogus de Scaccario*,† written towards the close of the same century, we learn that what was then called the Exchequer was formerly known as 'the Tallies,' so that it is probable that the notched stick cleft in two which remained in use at the Exchequer until the year 1826 was the original method of account keeping in the King's Treasury.

The early Exchequer was not a permanent department and at first had no fixed place of abode. In its constitution it was the *Curia Regis* sitting for the transaction of revenue business. All the great officers of the King's household, with the exception of the Great Chamberlain, the Steward and the Butler, sat in it or had their representatives there. The King in person or the Justiciar as his representative presided over it, and the Chancellor, the Treasurer, the Chamberlains, the Constable and the Marshal all had their seats at the board. The rest of the court consisted of the tenants-in-chief (*barones*). The accountants who were summoned there were the sheriffs of the shires and the bailiffs of the liberties and franchises. The court met twice a year, at Easter and Michaelmas. At Easter half the yearly revenue was payable and at Michaelmas the balance was paid and the accounts finally made up and enrolled.

The Exchequer was divided into two parts, called in the *Dialogus* respectively the Upper Exchequer (*Scaccarium superius*) and the Lower Exchequer (*Scaccarium inferius*). The Upper Exchequer was a court of account in which the royal revenue was managed, the accounts of its collection and disposal audited, and questions affecting it heard and determined. The Lower Exchequer or Exchequer of Receipt was concerned only with the actual receipt and issue of money. Closely connected with it was the permanent Treasury, which has possibly survived from Anglo-Saxon times.

All the great officers of the household who assisted either in person or by their deputies at the sittings of the Exchequer were present

\* R. L. Poole. *The Exchequer in the Twelfth Century* (Oxford, 1912).

† *De Necessariis Observantiis Scaccarii Dialogus*, ed. A. Hughes, C. G. Crump, and C. Johnson (Oxford, 1902).



in the Upper Exchequer. In the Lower Exchequer the Treasurer and Chamberlains only were represented and that by their deputies. As might have been expected, of all the great departments of state which were subsequently to be evolved that devoted to the national finance was the first to acquire a separate existence and a definite organisation. The great officers who had no special functions there gradually ceased to attend in person. In course of time the Treasurer became the presiding officer. The Chancellor ceased to attend in the reign of Henry III and his clerk became the Chancellor of the Exchequer and a recognised officer of that court. So too with the Chancellor's scribe, who kept the duplicate great roll of the Court as a check upon that kept by the Treasurer's scribe. He became in course of time the Controller of the Pipe and the latter the Clerk of the Pipe, both of them exclusively Exchequer officials.

It is also during the reign of Henry III that the Barons of the Exchequer appear to have become a specialised class of officers, appointed for particular qualifications, generally four in number, though subsequently for about a century increased to five. The origin of the two Remembrancers, the King's and the Treasurer's, is obscure, but they can be traced back to the early years of the same reign. The differentiation of their functions becomes noticeable towards the end of it, but was not finally established until the year 1323.

Probably by the end of the 12th cent. the Exchequer had come to be regarded as more or less definitely fixed at Westminster, and it was to be the first of the great departments of state to acquire official buildings of its own. To a comparatively late date, however, sittings of the court were occasionally held at the King's pleasure elsewhere than at Westminster.\*

The sheriffs of the counties and the bailiffs of the liberties and franchises were at first the only accountants at the Exchequer, and the revenue which they were charged to collect was both fixed and casual. (*See below Pipe Rolls, pp. 132 et seq.*)

For some time after its institution the Exchequer had no concern with the accounts of the army, the navy and similar national services which remained under the direct control of the King's household and became the particular business of the Wardrobe, the department of the household devoted to finance.† Early in the 13th cent., however, the Exchequer had acquired control over other business than that of the Sheriffs.‡ But it was not until the Exchequer ordinances of 1323, 1324 and 1326 that the whole business of the 'foreign accounts,' that is, the accounts other than the normal ones of the sheriffs, was fully regulated, and the finances of the Wardrobe and certain other departments of the household subjected to Exchequer control.

It is evident that by this period the business of the Exchequer had so increased that new machinery was necessary to deal with it. Accordingly it was directed that the membranes or 'pipes' of the Foreign Accounts should be made up each year by themselves apart from those of the Sheriffs' Accounts. By the last of the three ordinances the hearing of the Foreign Accounts was to take place in a house

\* There is a description of the holding of the Exchequer at Reading in 1 Chas. I in *Exch. L. T. R. Misc. Books*, 118, ff. 268, 269.

† For the early history of the Wardrobe and Chamber and their relations to the Exchequer see T. F. Tout, *Chapters in the Administrative History of Mediæval England*, Vols. I and II *passim* (Manchester, 1920).

‡ See the earliest surviving Wardrobe Account (A.D. 1224-1227) printed in Tout, *op. cit.* I. 233-238.

adjoining that wherein the full Exchequer sat and heard the Sheriffs' Accounts and those of the scutages and tallages assessed in the King's demesnes. These Foreign Accounts are described as those of the Wardrobe, the Great Wardrobe, the Butler, the Purveyors, &c., of victuals, the keepers of the King's horses, the keeper of the Hanaper of the Chancery, the collectors of ancient and new customs, the gauge of wine, the Escheatrics, the Exchanges of London and Canterbury, the castles, manors and lands of the King not let to farm, the King's forests, Wales, Gascony, Ireland, the collectors of aids granted by the clergy and laity, the keepers of bishops' temporalities during vacancy, the silver and tin mines of Devon and Cornwall and the office of the alnager of cloths. Certain barons were to be assigned for the auditing of these accounts, but the adjustment of the final balance upon them was to be done afterwards in the full Exchequer court.

The provision thus made for two distinct rolls of accounts, the Pipe Roll and the Roll of Foreign Accounts, was not fully carried out until the 42nd year of Edward III, when the regular series of enrolled Foreign Accounts begin. Prior to that date the foreign accounts usually form a section of the Pipe or the Chancellor's Roll, but a few separate rolls of foreign accounts of a special nature and too bulky to form part of the general roll are in existence from the reign of Henry III. (See **Foreign Accounts**, pp. 123 *et seq.* and the introduction to P. R. O. Lists and Indexes, No. XI, 1900.)

Whilst special provision was thus made for dealing with the foreign accounts and establishing the Exchequer control over all branches of the national revenues, measures were taken at the same time for the more expeditious dispatch of the steadily increasing business in connexion with the Sheriffs' Accounts by the appointment of a special officer, the foreign apposer, to appose the accountants upon the summons of the 'green wax,' that is, upon the estreats or casual revenue. (See **Pipe Rolls**, p. 135.) Other reforms included the addition of the fifth or cursitor baron\* to the Exchequer establishment and several new clerks and others to perform the extra engrossing work entailed by the Ordinances, to audit long outstanding accounts, and to deal with special classes of work, such as the accounts of the Contrarians' lands.

Considerable research is necessary before any full account of the history of the Exchequer during the remainder of the 14th cent. and in the 15th cent. can be written. On the whole it does not appear that any radical changes in the Exchequer system were introduced, but it is sufficiently evident that that system proved more and more unequal to the increased financial strain and before the accession of Henry VII had completely broken down. From the large sums of money which appear from the Issue Rolls to have been paid on various occasions during the period out of the Exchequer to the Treasurer of the King's Chamber and the absence of any audited accounts of the expenditure of that officer, it is to be inferred that recourse was had by the Crown to methods of finance outside the control of the Exchequer.

Henry VII appears to have used the Chamber to an increasing extent for the management of his revenues and to have adopted

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\* As late as the reign of Henry VI there were usually five barons of the Exchequer, but in the following reign the number seems to have been reduced permanently to four, the fourth baron becoming the cursitor baron.

more expeditious measures for the auditing of the accounts than the cumbrous machinery of the Exchequer rendered possible. These measures are briefly described in the preamble to the Stat. 3 Hen. VIII, c. 23, when they first received parliamentary authority. Therein it is stated that in the time of Henry VII certain receivers of Crown lands had accounted by word of mouth before certain auditors more speedily than might be done at the Exchequer and many sums of money had been paid into the King's Chamber without any record made in the Exchequer.

Under this Statute General Surveyors were appointed to be auditors of the accounts of the King's lands. By the subsequent Statute of 6 Hen. VIII, c. 24, the duties of these new officers were considerably increased by the transfer to them of other branches of Exchequer business, such as the accounts of the Great Wardrobe and the Hanaper.

The greatly increased revenues of the kingdom during the reign of Henry VIII as a result of the dissolution of the religious houses, the severance from Rome, and the numerous attainders and escheats necessitated a considerable extension of such measures and finally resulted in the establishment of special courts to deal with particular sources of revenue. Such courts were the Court of Augmentation of the Revenues of the King's Crown, the Court of First Fruits and Tenths, and the Court of General Surveyors of the King's lands. In all of these the procedure adopted was modelled on that of the King's Duchy of Lancaster rather than on that of the more ancient Exchequer.\*

Queen Mary, under authority of an Act of Parliament, abolished by letters patent in the first year of her reign the Court of Augmentations with which the Court of General Surveyors had been amalgamated and the Court of First Fruits and Tenths and annexed the business of each court to the Exchequer. The Exchequer was thus restored in name to much of its former importance, but the new business brought with it very different methods of procedure to those in vogue in the ancient court. In the Court of Augmentations there had been ten auditors of the revenues. Their duties by the articles of annexation were transferred to seven Auditors of the Exchequer, who subsequently became known as the Auditors of the Land Revenues. The moneys for which they were responsible were now paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer instead of as before to the treasurer of the abolished Court, but the accounts instead of going through 'the ancient course' of the Exchequer, that is, through the offices of the two remembrancers, ending with final enrolment on the great roll, were dealt with 'Augmentation like.' Similarly there had been in the Court of Augmentations two Auditors of the Prests and Foreign Accounts, whose duties were 'to take the reckonings of the wars, buildings, ships, ordnance, and all other sums of money delivered in prest and of the money and revenues of the hanaper, the butlerage and the Great Wardrobe,' thereby taking away from the Exchequer much of the business in connexion with the Foreign Accounts. Queen Elizabeth, in the second year of her reign, revived these two offices as offices of the Exchequer, but here again newer methods of rendering the accounts were followed and it would seem

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\* In the Acts of Parliament establishing all these courts it is provided that such process and precepts under the respective privy seals of each should be used 'as be now commonly used in the Court of the King's Duchy Chamber of Lancaster.'



to be that only by gradual steps and after repeated protests from the representatives of the older offices of the Court was some semblance of observing the 'ancient Exchequer course' brought about. (*See Declared Accounts*, pp. 118, 119.)

Thus from the reign of Elizabeth three distinct methods may be observed in the rendering of accounts at the Exchequer, viz. :—

- (1) The old Exchequer course is still followed in the case of the Sheriffs' accounts of the ancient revenues of the counties, which gradually dwindle in importance, and of the collectors' accounts of subsidies and other assessed taxes.
- (2) The Land Revenue accounts which for the earlier period were preserved in the Augmentation Office and subsequently by the Auditors. (*See Ministers' Accounts*, p. 344 and the description of the Land Revenue Department, pp. 167 *et seq.*)
- (3) The accounts taken by the Auditors of the Prests which become the **Declared Accounts** of the Pipe and Audit Offices.\*

Another change of great importance in the administration of the Exchequer, the origin of which may be traced back to the 16th cent., was the development of the Treasury into a separate department of state. This change, which eventually reduced the administrative functions of the Exchequer to comparative unimportance, will be described later in this work in the account of the **TREASURY**.

The judicial functions of the Exchequer constitute a large part of the business of its Account side. As a court of law its primary business was to call the King's debtors to account and to recover any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, any goods, chattels, or other profits or benefits belonging to the Crown. The proceedings of the Court in matters touching the revenues of the Crown were recorded in the office of the King's Remembrancer or in that of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer.

The Common Law jurisdiction of the Exchequer, which was exercised by the Barons only and not by the Treasurer or Chancellor, doubtless had its first origin in the practice whereby no action could be brought against an Exchequer official save in the Exchequer. The writ of *quominus*, upon which all proceedings on this side were grounded, opened the Court in the first place to the accountants, who could claim to be the King's farmers or debtors.† Eventually, however, the surmise of being the King's debtor became a mere matter of form, and the Court was open to all men equally.

The same result attended the Equity side of the Court, where ultimately any person might file a bill against another on the bare suggestion that he was the King's accountant. This Equity jurisdiction of the Exchequer was of considerably later development than its Common Law side. No regular series of equity proceedings of the Court is preserved prior to the reign of Elizabeth, and the jurisdiction was possibly, at all events in part, an inheritance of the abolished Court of Augmentations. The Court of Equity was held in the Exchequer Chamber, before the Lord Treasurer, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chief Baron, and three puisne Barons. In this Court the clergy for a long time used to exhibit their bills for the non-payment of tithes, they being in this aspect the

\* See the article by Mrs. Eric George, 'Notes on the Origin of the Declared Account,' in *Eng. Hist. Review*, XXXI, 41-58.

† See below, p. 173.

King's debtors, but in later years a large share of this business was transferred to the Chancery. On the Equity side of the Exchequer the proceedings were by English bill and answer, as in the Court of Chancery, in matters concerning the King the bills being brought by the Attorney General and called Informations. The Equity jurisdiction of the Court of Exchequer, the records of which were kept in the office of the King's Remembrancer, was abolished in 1841 and transferred to the Court of Chancery.

The Equity side of the Exchequer heard in the Exchequer Chamber must be distinguished from the Court of Exchequer Chamber which existed from early times, partly by common law and partly by statute, as a court of appeal of all the judges in England on matters of law. It is a moot point whether this court is to be considered as an actual part of the Exchequer itself or whether its meetings were merely held in one of its apartments as a matter of convenience when that department was one of the few to have acquired already a separate building of its own. The Exchequer Chamber became by Stat. 31 Edward III, St. 1, c. 12, a court of appeal from errors in the Exchequer and by Stat. 27 Eliz., c. 8, the like from errors in the King's Bench. In later times the Clerk of the Pleas in the Exchequer is found holding the office of Clerk of the Errors in the same, but no minute or rule books of the latter office appear to have been preserved.

The existence of the ancient Exchequer as a financial department may be considered to have been closed finally by the Act of 1833, which took away from it the business of the Sheriffs' accounts and thereby brought to an end the long series of Pipe Rolls which exist in an almost unbroken succession from the 12th century. As a court of common law the Exchequer survived until the coming into operation of the Judicature Act of 1873. It was thereafter continued for a few years as a separate division of the High Court of Justice, but in 1880 its jurisdiction was finally absorbed by that of the King's (then the Queen's) Bench Division. In this latter division Crown revenue causes are now tried, but the proceedings therein are still filed in the office of the King's Remembrancer, whose office, with the exception of that of the Chancellor,\* alone survives of all those of the ancient Exchequer.

The fuller history of the Exchequer may now be pursued in the accounts of the several departments which constituted it and in the description of their respective records. Of these departments those of the King's Remembrancer, the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, the Augmentation Office, the Office of First Fruits and Tenths, the Office of the Auditors of the Land Revenue and the Office of the Clerk of the Pleas belong to the Upper Exchequer or the Exchequer of Account. The various offices which made up the Lower Exchequer are described under the Exchequer of Receipt and became amalgamated in 1834 in the new office of Controller General of the Exchequer. Closely associated with the Exchequer of Receipt is the Treasury of the Exchequer, the records formerly preserved in which form a distinct class.

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\* Practically the only function now performed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in virtue of his ancient office is that of presiding at the annual nomination of the sheriffs. His chief duties are those of a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, an office which he holds by a separate patent.

## RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER— THE KING'S REMEMBRANCER.

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The primary functions of the two ancient Remembrancers of the Exchequer were largely concerned with the view of account at the Easter session of the Court; it fell to them, too, to bring the King's debtors to account by taking out process against them upon the orders of the Court and by entering on record all such process with minutes of any proceedings which took place thereon, together with all such matters whereof it was necessary that remembrance should be had to keep the Court informed of the business before it.

By the Exchequer ordinances of 1323, which first defined the respective duties of the King's and Treasurer's Remembrancers, it was ordained that the former only should enrol the *brevia directa Baronibus*. He was also to enrol all deeds and charters acknowledged before the Barons and all recognizances of debts made before the same. The Treasurer's Remembrancer was afterwards to enrol such recognizances, but all writs of execution thereon were to be issued by the King's Remembrancer. The latter was further to have in his keeping all extents returned to the Exchequer which concerned the King, the parcels of all accounts rendered, of the titles of which he was to make remembrance in a roll by themselves, rolls of taxations granted by the clergy or laity, rolls of attorned debts for the recovery of which he was to issue writs, and certain books, such as the Red Book, belonging to the Exchequer.

The effect of this delimitation of the duties of the two offices was to make the King's Remembrancer responsible for the collection of the casual revenue of the Crown, whilst the Treasurer's Remembrancer was more particularly concerned with the fixed revenue. 'The former put all debts in charge, while the latter saw to their recovery when they had found their way on to the Great Roll. Hence the preliminary stages of each account, the receiving and registering of the King's writs to the Treasurer and Barons, and the drawing up of all particulars of account, lay with the King's Remembrancer, and he retained the corresponding vouchers.\*

When the equity jurisdiction of the Exchequer was established in the reign of Elizabeth, the King's Remembrancer became the registrar of the Court, and in his office were filed or entered all proceedings on this side. He, or more usually his deputy,† performed also duties very similar to those of the Masters of the Court of Chancery until 1820, when by Stat. 1 Geo. IV, c. 35, two Masters were appointed to the Court of Exchequer, one of whom was to hold in addition the new office of Accountant General of the Court. In 1841, however, by Stat. 5 Vict., c. 5, the equity jurisdiction of the Exchequer was transferred to the Chancery.

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\* *Encyclopædia Britannica*, 11th ed., art. 'Exchequer.'

† By Stat. 57 Geo. III, c. 60, it was enacted that certain offices in the Exchequer, amongst them that of the King's Remembrancer, should as they became vacant be executed in person and not by deputy.



On the revenue side the duties of the King's Remembrancer are set out in the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Finance in 1798 as follows :—To enter and prosecute informations upon penal statutes, intrusions, debt, seizure, &c. ; to take and prosecute bonds of accountants to the Crown for the due execution of their offices and recognizances to the Crown ; to enrol the States of the Accounts of all public accountants and issue process against defaulters ; and to issue and prosecute commissions to find debts due to the Crown and writs of extent in pursuance of Stat. 33 Hen. VIII, c. 39.

Upon the abolition of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's and the Pipe offices in 1833, it was directed that the process and proceedings usually done by the officers whose offices were thus abolished should be done by the King's Remembrancer, subject to the rules of the Court of Exchequer.

By Stat. 22 & 23 Vict., c. 21 (1859), it was enacted that the enrolment of the States of Public Accounts, except in special cases, should cease and that the Estreats of the Chancery or Originalia Rolls, which since 1833 had been sent to the King's Remembrancer's office, should be discontinued.

By the Judicature Act of 1873 (Stat. 36 & 37 Vict., c. 66) the office of the King's Remembrancer was transferred to the Supreme Court of Judicature and by the subsequent Act of 1879 (Stat. 42 & 43 Vict. c. 78), made a branch of the Central Office of that Court. An order in Council of 16 Dec., 1880, which came into force on 26 Feb., 1881, abolished the Exchequer and Common Pleas as separate Divisions of the new Court and transferred the business done in them to the King's Bench Division. In this Division accordingly Crown revenue causes are now heard, but the proceedings in them are still entered in the office of the King's Remembrancer.

### **Accounts, Various, &c.**

669 Bundles. It appears to have been the practice of the various officers rendering their accounts at the Exchequer to bring with them a roll of Particulars of their Accounts, entitled ' Particule Compoti,' which, with all the vouchers thereto, was often enclosed in a leathern bag bearing a suitable title outside. From this the Account itself, or ' Compotus' proper, was drawn up and examined by the Auditors whose names appear at the head of the account.

When so examined it was generally enrolled on the Pipe and Chancellor's Rolls or on the Rolls of Foreign Account, on the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's side of the Exchequer, such enrolment being indicated by a line drawn down the middle of the Account. These Accounts, with the Rolls of Particulars and the Vouchers, were left by the Accountant at the Office of the King's Remembrancer, where they formed a very large collection, including, in addition to the Bailiffs' and Receivers' Accounts of the lands and tenements in the hands of the Crown, the Accounts of Sheriffs, Escheators, Collectors of Customs and Subsidies and other Revenue Officers ; Accounts relating to the expenditure on the Army and Navy, on Ambassadors and Envoys, on the Royal

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Household and Wardrobe, and on Works and repairs at the Royal Palaces and other buildings; as also of the Issues and Profits arising from various Courts and Public Offices.

An exhaustive Inventory of the documents which have been included in the present Class has been issued (Lists and Indexes, No. XXXV, 1912). The nucleus of the Class has been formed from the so-called 'Ancient Miscellanea' of the King's Remembrancer, from which, however, the following special classes, elsewhere described in this volume, have been made:—

- Ministers' and Receivers' Accounts of manors and lands.
- Court Rolls.
- Rentals and Surveys.
- Sheriffs' Accounts of Seizures.
- Escheators' Accounts.
- Customers' Accounts.
- Accounts of Collectors of Subsidies.
- Special Commissions and Returns.
- Miscellanea.

On the other hand there have been added to the class a certain number of documents formerly existing in other departments of the Exchequer, such as the Chapter House, the Augmentation Office, the Land Revenue Office and the Pells Office.

The accounts from the Augmentation Office include those of the General Surveyors, first appointed in 1512 to audit the accounts of the King's lands, and subsequently by Stat. 6, Hen. VIII, c. 24, entrusted in addition with the business of the accounts of the Great Wardrobe, the Hanaper, the Pincerna Regis, the Customs on Wool and Malmsey Wine, and the Mint.

The following classification has been adopted in the arrangement of this Class; for the complementary series of enrolled accounts reference must be made in this volume to the description given of the records of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer.

**ALIENATION OFFICE.** Elizabeth to William III. These are the Accounts of the Receivers of Fines for the Alienation of Lands and also of Fees paid for Writs of Entry and Writs of Covenant. They give totals only.

**ARMY, NAVY AND ORDNANCE.** Henry III to George III. These consist of the Accounts of the Constables of Military Fortresses for the maintenance of their garrisons and for necessary works and repairs; of Accounts of the cost of Provisions and Munitions of War and of the construction and transport of military engines; of the wages of Bannerets, Knights, Archers and Men-at-Arms; of the expenses of building and victualling Ships, and of the wages of Mariners; and also of the maintenance of Prisoners of War at the Tower of London, Windsor Castle and elsewhere. Numerous Indentures relating to the pawning of the Crown Jewels, &c., for the payment of troops, especially during the reign of Henry V, exist amongst these Accounts.

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They also contain the 'Indentures of Military Service' or Covenants between the King and various nobles and military leaders, by which the latter agree to furnish a certain number of troops of a specified character for a fixed period to serve the King in his expeditions, the Sovereign on his part guaranteeing the due payment of their wages and expenses, together with the Retinue Rolls or Lists of the Men-at-Arms, Archers, and others, by whom the several Lords or Captains fulfilled their part of the contract. Amongst the latter will be found many Retinue Rolls of those who served in the Agincourt expedition.

The Indentures of Military Service are frequently annexed to the Account of the leader by whom the Covenant was made, but a separate collection of them formerly known as 'Indentures of War,' and at one time preserved in the State Paper Office, now forms Bundles 68 to 74 of this series.

The later documents in this class consist almost entirely of Certificates of Musters in various counties during the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth. Those of the reign of Henry VIII are referred to in the printed Calendar of 'Letters and Papers, Henry VIII.'

These 'Certificates of Musters' were made at intervals in the several counties by virtue of Commissions under the Great Seal and the members of the force thus called out, which represented the origin of the modern Militia, were assessed to arms according to their substance or property. The Certificates give the names of all the able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60 in each township or parish, with a valuation of their possessions in lands or goods and the amount in money or equipment they were expected to furnish.

Accounts of the yearly expenses of the Constable of the Tower (Edw. I to Hen. VI), including the costs of repairs, &c., and of the custody of various Scottish and Welsh prisoners, will be found amongst these Accounts;\* as also will the Accounts of the Keepers of several Scottish Castles and the Indentures of Wardenship of Berwick and the Marches.

**AUGMENTATION OFFICE.** Henry VIII and Edward VI. These consist of files of Warrants for Monastic Pensions from 28 to 31 Henry VIII, and of Rolls of similar Warrants for Pensions to the Incumbents of the dissolved Colleges and Chantries in the second year of Edward VI, with a few Commissions and Returns as to Monastic Pensions in the sixth and seventh years of the same reign.

**BUTLERAGE AND PRISAGE.** 8 Edward I to 17 James I. These are Accounts of the Pincerna Regis and relate to the dues which the King's Butler was entitled to take on all importations of wine. They show the ports at which ships landed wine, the quantity landed, the amount taken for the King's use, &c.

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\* An Index to the '*Records in the Custody of the Constable of the Tower of London, relating to the State Prisoners, Garrisons, &c.,*' which are contained in five volumes extending from 1660 to 1837 inclusive, is printed in the Appendix to the Deputy Keeper's Thirtieth Report, pp. 313-359. The volumes referred to are still at the Tower.



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**CHANNEL ISLANDS.** Edward I to Charles I. These consist of Accounts; Extents and Inquisitions relating to the Issues of the Channel Islands and also to their rights, privileges and customs, respecting which very minute information is given.

**CLARE HOUSEHOLD.** Edward I to Edward III. These are accounts of the Household and Wardrobe expenses of Bogo de Clare, Gilbert de Clare and of Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady de Clare. They include Rolls of stable expenses and of the expenses of Lady de Clare on several journeys.

**COUNCIL, WAGES AND DIET OF THE, &c.** Edward III to Henry VIII. These are the accounts presented by various persons of their wages for serving on the King's Council and of breakfasts and other provisions for the Council at Westminster from Edward III to Henry VI. They include Account Books of the Diet of the Council from 15 to 37 Henry VIII.

**EQUITIUM REGIS.** Edward I to James I. These are the Accounts of the several Keepers of the King's Horses and of the Stud-Farms in the North and South of England, and also of the Masters of the Horse from Richard II to James I. They include the expenses of purchasing horses and provender, of saddlery, and the wages of attendants.

**FINES AND AMERCEMENTS.** Henry III to Anne. These are chiefly Accounts of the Fines and Amercements before the Justices of Assize, the Justices of the King's Bench and Common Pleas, the Justices of the Forests, the Barons of the Exchequer and the Justices of the Peace in various Counties throughout England and Wales, giving in many instances the names of the persons by whom such Fines were paid. They include also Fines and Amercements in the Star Chamber and before the Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes.

**FOREIGN MERCHANTS.** Henry III to Charles I. These consist of Accounts of the debts owing to various Foreign Merchants residing in London and of the sums due or paid out of the royal revenues to the Bardi, the Friscobaldi, and similar companies, of money transactions between the said companies and the Dispensers, and other documents of a like nature. They also contain Files of Bonds of Foreign Merchants, of Licences to issue Letters of Exchange and of Views of the 'hosts' or sponsors of Foreign Merchants.

**FORESTS.** Henry III to Charles II. These consist of Accounts of the Issues of the Royal Forests and of Attachments, Certificates and Presentments of Regarders, Accounts of Wood Sales, Certificates of Waste and Spoils, and similar documents.

They are sub-divided as follows:—

Forests General (North of Trent).

Particular Forests (North of Trent), including:

Galtres.

High Peak.

Inglewood.

Knaresborough.

Sherwood.

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Forests General (South of Trent),

Particular Forests (South of Trent), including :

Ashdown.

Barnwood and Shotover.

Bere.

Blackmore.

Bradon.

Chute.

Clarendon.

Dean Forest.

New Forest.

Rockingham.

Salcey.

Savernake.

Whittlewood.

Windsor.

Wolmer.

Forests in Special Jurisdiction.

They include two volumes compiled in the 17th century, containing copies of Charters and Proceedings relating to Sherwood Forest from Henry III to James I inclusive.

FRANCE, ENGLISH POSSESSIONS IN. John to Philip and Mary.

These consist of 59 Parcels, formerly entitled ' Realm of France ' they contain in addition to the Accounts of the Constables and Controllers of Bordeaux, Calais, and other towns, and of the Collectors of Customs and other dues in various ports, Accounts, with other documents, of the Seneschals and Governors of the French provinces under the English rule, that is to say, Aquitaine or Gascony, Ponthieu, the district of Calais and the Marches, and, for certain short periods, parts of Brittany and Normandy.

HANAPER. Edward I to 1660. Accounts of the Receipts and Issues by the Clerk of the Hanaper, with Writs, Receipts and other documents subsidiary thereto. These include accounts of the Fees received on Charters, Patents, and Commissions passing the Great Seal, specifying the names of the persons to whom such Charters, &c., were granted ; and also Accounts of the payments of salaries, allowances, and other disbursements by the Clerk of the Hanaper to various Officers of the Court of Chancery. They also include the Accounts of the Keepers of the Seals of the Common Pleas and King's Bench for the issue of judicial writs. These show little more than the gross amount of the Fees received and the incidental expenses of the several Offices.

IRISH EXCHEQUER DOCUMENTS. Henry III to Elizabeth. These are the Accounts of the successive Treasurers of Ireland of their receipts and expenses, which were rendered annually to the Exchequer in England pursuant to an order made in the 21st year of Edward I, with other documents relating to the transactions in that country and to the Mint and Exchange there. Two ecclesiastical taxations of Ireland, dated respectively A.D. 1302 and A.D. 1306, are also deposited with these

**Accounts, Various, &c.—(continued).**

documents (Bundle 233, No. 21). They are contained in 6 Rolls, of which a syllabus is given in the Deputy Keeper's Fifth Report, App. II. The Irish Exchequer Documents have been elaborately described in the *Calendar of Documents relating to Ireland*, published under the direction of the Master of the Rolls. A series of transcripts from the Memoranda Rolls of the Irish Exchequer showing pardons of debts, accounts and arrears from 1 Henry V to 12 Henry VI, returned on a writ of certiorari (Bundle 248, No. 11) has been printed in the *Rotuli Selecti* (Record Comm., 1834).

**JEWS.** Henry II to James I. These consist of Accounts of Debts owing to Jews in various counties, Receipts and Memoranda of the Tallages levied on them, and Extents and Inquisitions as to their lands and possessions, with enrolments of their Obligations and Charters before the Treasurers and Barons of the Exchequer. They also include the Accounts of the Keeper of the Domus Conversorum from Edw. III to Elizabeth.

**MARSHALSEA OF THE HOUSEHOLD.** Edward I to Elizabeth. These relate to the issues of the Marshalsea of the King's Household and of the Office of Coroner of the Household and Clerk of the Market.

The estreats of fines and profits of the Clerk of the Market consist principally of the fines levied by that officer on persons who infringed the statutes concerning weights and measures.

**MINES.** Edward I to Charles I. Accounts of the receipts and expenses of the royal mines in Devon and Cornwall, including the wages of workmen, expenses of implements, &c., together with Rolls of the 'Cunagium Stanni' or 'Stannary Rolls.'

Similar accounts formerly existing amongst the Miscellanea of the Treasury of the Receipt and amongst the Records relating to the Duchy of Cornwall have been added to this class.

**MINT.** Henry III to George II. These consist of the accounts of the '*Custos Cambii et Monetæ*' (at London and Canterbury), from Henry III to Henry VIII; of the Controller of the Mint, from Henry III to Elizabeth; of the Master of the Mint, from Edw. I to Geo. II; and of Miscellaneous Documents relating to Mint and Coinage, including Indentures by the Masters and other officials of the Mint as to the due performances of their duties.\*

**NUNCII.** Henry III to James I. These are original accounts and vouchers relating to the expenses of Ambassadors and other persons attached to foreign missions, the nature of which is generally indicated. They also include accounts of payments to Royal Messengers for the delivery of Letters, Writs, &c.

**PRAESTITA.** John to James I. These consist of Accounts of the payments made at the Exchequer of Receipt to various Officers of the Royal Household and others by way of imprest, advance,

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\* In 1848 a Royal Commission was appointed to inquire into the constitution, management, and expense of the Mint, and the Report of the Commissioners which was presented to Parliament in the following year, contains a complete history of the several Mints.



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or accommodation, on account of their salaries and wages, or for the performance of special duties as messengers or otherwise, or for the execution of works and repairs.

The first of these rolls, which is dated in the 7th year of King John, is printed in Cole's *Documents illustrative of English History*, published by the Record Commission. Another roll, of the 12th year of King John, formerly amongst the Tower Records, has been printed in the volume entitled *Rotuli de Liberate, ac de Misis et Præstitis*.

**RESUMED LANDS.** 28–32 Henry VI. These are the Accounts of the Sheriffs and Escheators of several Counties of the issues of the lands resumed into the King's hands by virtue of the Act of Resumption of 28 Henry VI.

**SCOTLAND.** Edw. I to Edw. III. These consist of a few Sheriffs' and Bailiffs' Accounts relating to Edinburgh, Roxburgh, and Berwick-on-Tweed, an Account of the Chamberlain of Scotland dated 1329, with some Inquisitions and subsidiary documents.

**TREASURY OF THE EXCHEQUER, CONTENTS AND ADMINISTRATION OF.** Henry III to George III. These consist chiefly of Indentures and Memoranda as to the delivery of the Contents of the Treasury from an outgoing to an incoming Treasurer, and as to the occasional delivery of goods and jewels into or out of the Treasury. They include the Appointments of the several Keepers of the Records of the Treasury of the Receipt, and Warrants and Receipts for the delivery of Records. A large number of the documents have been printed in full in Palgrave's *Ancient Kalendars and Inventories of the Exchequer*, Vol. III. In Vol. I of the same work will also be found printed a series of Inquisitions and other records of 31 Edw. I relative to the robbery of the Treasury by Richard de Podelcote and John de Ripplinghale, which are included in this class (Bundle 332, No. 8).

**ULNAGE.** Edward III to James I. These are the Accounts of the Collectors of the Ulnage or Subsidy granted to the King on all cloths sold in the various counties throughout England.

**UNIVERSITIES OF OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.** Edw. III to Elizabeth. These consist principally of Accounts of the Warden of King's Hall, Cambridge, relating to the expenses of the scholars, &c., with a few Warrants and Receipts for payment of Annuities, &c., by various Colleges in Oxford and Cambridge.

**WARDROBE AND HOUSEHOLD.** Richard I to 56 George III. These are original Accounts of all the Receipts and Issues of the Great and Privy Wardrobe and of the daily expenses of the Royal and minor Royal Households as rendered to the Exchequer by the Clerks and Keepers of the Wardrobe, the Treasurer of the King's Chamber, and at a later period by the Cofferers and Controllers of the Household and others, with Receipts and other documents subsidiary to such accounts.

They include also numerous inventories of the Royal Jewels and Plate from a very early period.

**Accounts, Various, &c.**—(continued).

With this series have been incorporated many similar Accounts formerly deposited with the Miscellanea of the Treasury of the Receipt of the Exchequer and a few rolls from the Miscellaneous Records of the Exchequer of Receipt.

The Misæ Rolls, 11 and 14 John, which are amongst these accounts, contain very minute accounts of the daily expenses of the Court. The first of these rolls was formerly amongst the Records preserved in the Tower of London, and is printed in the volume entitled *Rotuli de Liberate ac de Misis et Præstitis*, published by the Record Commission. The second is printed in Cole's *Documents illustrative of English History*, published by the same. There is also a part of a Misæ roll of the time of Richard I with this series.

**WOOL.** Edward I to Elizabeth. These are the Accounts of the Collectors of various Subsidies on Wool and Cloth and of the expenses of packing and transporting the King's Wool to various places.

**WORKS AND BUILDINGS.** Henry III to George II. These are the Accounts rendered by the Clerk of the King's Works, the Surveyors of Works and by the Constables of Castles and others, of the Works and Repairs in various Royal Palaces, Castles, Parks, &c., with Files of Receipts, and other subsidiary documents.

They contain much curious information as to the Wages of Artificers and the expenses of the materials used in the repairs and building at the Royal Palace at Westminster and in the Tower of London. Amongst them will be found two rolls of Accounts of Repairs at Westminster dated 44 Henry III, formerly amongst the Records of the Exchequer of Receipt, which give a most minute account of the expenses incurred for rebuilding, repairing and enlarging part of the King's Palace at Westminster, and for decorating and ornamenting the same, specifying the sums paid to each artist and workman, and whence the timber, stone, and other materials were obtained. Included in the series are also some accounts relating to the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire of 1666.

The documents have been arranged in alphabetical order of the places concerned.

**MISCELLANEOUS.** Henry II to George III. These are Accounts which fall into no recognized classification and are of a very varied nature. Amongst them will be found Memoranda of Receipts and Issues by the Sheriffs of various Counties, Accounts relating to Forfeited Goods and Possessions, Accounts of the Household Expenses of various private persons, and a few private Mercantile Accounts.

The earliest of these Accounts is dated about 1157 and consists of an Account by Richard de Anesty of all his expenses in prosecuting a suit for the lands of his uncle, William de Anesty.

**SHERIFFS' ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS.** Edward I to Charles I. These are the Particulars of Accounts rendered to the Exchequer by the Sheriffs of the expenses incurred by them in the adminis-

**Accounts, Various, &c.**—(continued).

tration of their office, such as in repairs of castles, provision of men, horses and arms for garrisons, provisions of victuals, custody of prisoners, payments to justices of the peace, &c., &c.

**SUPPLEMENTARY.** These are Accounts, Vouchers and subsidiary documents added since the publication of the printed Inventory. In addition to accounts, &c., belonging to most of the above classes, the series includes papers of the HACKNEY COACH COMMISSIONERS (1672–1753), and a number of documents relating to RECUSANTS and their lands (1588–1660).

*Descriptive List.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Accounts, Enrolments of States of.**

Henry VI to 1859. A series of 309 rolls entitled 'Enrolments of Public Accounts,' and extending for the most part from the reign of Charles II to 1859. These contain the 'States' or Abstracts of the 'Declared Accounts,' many of the details contained in the Declared Account being omitted. These enrolments formed the official record of the Account in the King's Remembrancer's Office and warranted the issuing of process from the Exchequer against the Accountants when necessary. Prior, however, to the treasurership of Bishop Juxon (1636–1641) it was not the practice to enter the Declared Accounts in this Office, but an order made by him directed that all the accounts of the great accountants after being engrossed and declared and before being carried to the Pipe Office should be brought for entry to the Office of the King's Remembrancer.\*

**Affidavits.**

1774 to 1892. 146 Bundles. These continue the class of Bille described below. Down to the year 1841 they include affidavits filed in equity causes in the Exchequer. Subsequent to that year they relate solely to revenue matters in the Court of Exchequer until 1875, in the Exchequer Division of the High Court of Justice from 1875 to 1881, and subsequently to 26 February, 1881, in the King's Bench Division of the same.

*Indexes.* 1843 to 1892. 7 Vols. MS.

**Alienation Office Accounts.**

RECEIVERS' ACCOUNTS OF FINES ON ALIENATIONS. 1601 to 1660. 37 Vols.

RECEIVERS' VOUCHERS. 1661 to 1832. 3 Bundles.

**Alien Priories, &c., Extents of.**

22 Edward I to 22 Edward IV. 12 Bundles. These are the Inquisitions as to the possessions of Alien Religious Houses in England which were seized into the King's hands from time to time, whenever a war broke out with the country to which they belonged. They also include extents of the possessions of laymen who were foreign subjects and accounts of Fines imposed on the Alien Clergy. The Accounts of the Possessions of the

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\* See Exch. L.T.R. Misc. Books 118, fo. 230.



**Alien Priories, &c., Extents of—**(continued).

Alien Priories whilst they remained in the King's hands are included in the General Series of **Ministers' and Receivers' Accounts.** (See Lists and Indexes, No. V.)

*Calendar.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Appearance Books.**

1588 to 1841. 22 Vols. For the earlier period these contain entries of appearances in Revenue proceedings as well as in equity causes.

**Bille.**

16 Edward I to 14 George III. 167 Bundles. These are files containing bills and petitions to the Treasurer and Barons; transcripts of royal writs and letters, inquisitions and pleadings; 'fiat' warrants; views of accounts and proffers; notes of attorneys and mainpernors; panels of jurors; certificates of searchers, collectors of customs and other accountants; informations, depositions, affidavits and transcripts of proceedings before the Barons relating to accounts, seizures and breeches of statutes under the penal clauses; and extracts and memoranda of a miscellaneous nature subsidiary to the business of the King's Remembrancer.

The class has been formed of the files of bills and petitions which were formerly included in Exchequer Proceedings and of the class of Affidavits as far as the year 14 George III, the two classes being historically continuous as appears by the original endorsements of the files. In 15 George III the endorsement 'Bille' or 'Bills' was changed to 'Affidavits,' though the character of the documents filed remains unchanged. The present class of Affidavits, which therefore continues the Bille, commences from 15 George III.

**Bills, Answers and Depositions. (Early.)**

Henry VII to Philip and Mary. 1 Bundle. These consist for the most part of Depositions taken by Commission, but include also a few proceedings by English Bill before the Lord Treasurer and Barons and other miscellaneous legal proceedings.

*Descriptive List.*

**Bills, Answers, &c.**

Elizabeth to 1841. 2,386 Bundles. The Equity jurisdiction of the Court of Exchequer was abolished in 1841 and transferred to the Court of Chancery, in which Court many of the suits included in this collection were continued.

*Bill Books.* Elizabeth to 1841. 34 Vols. MS. Arranged chronologically in Counties.

*Calendar.* Elizabeth. 1 Vol. MS. (Bedford to Kent only.)

*Calendar and Index Nominum.* Elizabeth. 2 Vols. MS. These refer to a collection of Miscellaneous Bills and Answers.

*Index Nominum.* James I to Victoria. 1 Vol. MS. This refers to a collection of Miscellaneous Bills and Answers.

*Index Nominum.* 1 Vol. MS. This refers to a collection of Bills and Answers the dates of which are uncertain.

**Bills and Answers against Defaulting Accountants.**

Charles II. 5 Portfolios. Proceedings on the Revenue side of the Exchequer.

**Bonds and Obligations.**

Henry VIII to Elizabeth. 97 Bundles. These relate principally to the payments of sums due to the Collectors of Customs and Subsidies and to other Officers of the Exchequer and to the delivery of cargoes at various ports.

**Brevia Baronibus.**

Henry III to Anne. 26 Bundles. These were formerly preserved amongst the 'Ancient Miscellanea' of the Exchequer and have recently been taken out of the class of 'Exchequer Proceedings' in which they were temporarily placed. The writs after being enrolled on the **Memoranda Rolls** (*q.v.*) were filed up in years, many of the original files still remaining.

**Certificates of Residence.**

Edward VI to Charles II. Under arrangement. These are documents under the hands and seals of the Commissioners for levying and assessing the Subsidies in the several Counties, certifying that the persons therein named were, at the time of a particular assessment, resident at the place specified in the Certificate, and had there been taxed to the amount due from them in respect of the said Subsidy. They were given in order to prevent persons removing from one County to another being twice assessed towards the same subsidy, and afford valuable evidence of changes of residence. They have been to a great extent arranged alphabetically and an Index is in preparation.

**Chatham Fortifications, Deeds relating to.**

3 Bundles. A small collection of Deeds relating to the purchase of land for the fortifications at Chatham and extending in date from 1578 to 1715. There is a manuscript list of the Deeds.

**Church Goods.**

Edward VI and Philip and Mary. 14 Bundles. These contain Inventories, taken by the Commissioners appointed to make inquiry respecting Church Goods and Ornaments in the 6th year of Edward the Sixth, of all manner of 'goodes, plate, juells, vestyments, bells, and other ornyments within every paryshe belonging or in any wyse apperteyning to any Church, Chapell, Brotherhed, Gylde, or Fraternytye within this our Realme of England'; together with Indentures of the delivery of such goods and ornaments as were allowed to remain in the hands of the Churchwardens for the use of the several churches.

There are also a few returns to similar Commissions issued in the second year of the same reign and a considerable quantity of correspondence and accounts relating to the Commission of 2 and 3 Philip and Mary which was directed to review the disposal, not only of the above but also of the property and ornaments of religious houses, fallen in to the Crown since 4 Nov., 27 Hen. VIII.

**Church Goods**—(continued).

Many similar Inventories formerly amongst the Records of the Land Revenue Department have been added to this series.

A complete List of all the foregoing documents, which includes also similar Inventories existing amongst the Miscellaneous Books of the Augmentation Office, Vols. 495 to 515, has been compiled.

**Commission on Fees.**

Charles I. 12 Bundles. These consist of Minute Books with the evidence taken before them and other papers of the Commissioners under several royal Commissions to inquire into the fees charged by public officers throughout the kingdom. They are at present unarranged.

**Conventual Leases.**

Edward III to Henry VIII. 1 Bundle. A small collection of counterparts and transcripts of leases made by religious houses prior to the Dissolution. They are arranged chronologically.

*Descriptive List.*

**Cornwall, Earldom and Duchy of.**

ACCOUNTS OF THE BAILIFFS OF EDMUND EARL OF CORNWALL. 24-25 Edward I. 1 Roll. Apparently an Exchequer Roll of the Earldom.

'CAPTIO SEISINÆ DUCATUS CORNUBLÆ.' 11 Edward III. A survey or return of the whole of the possessions of the Duchy made by the Commissioners assigned in the 11th year of Edward III to take seisin thereof to the use of the King's eldest son. 1 Roll.

**Crown Lands, Certificates as to the sale of.**

Commonwealth. 5 Bundles.

**Customs Accounts.**

Edward I to George IV. 250 Bundles. These consist of the Accounts of the Collectors in various Ports, with Files of Receipts and Acquittances and other documents subsidiary thereto.

They also include Accounts of the seizures in the various ports of Money, Provisions, Cloth, Arms, Horses, &c., intended for exportation contrary to proclamation and thereby forfeited.

*Descriptive List.* 4 Vols. MS.

**Decrees and Orders.**

These are the Decrees and Orders made on the Equity side of the Exchequer, and exist both in the originals and in the Entry Books of them.

**Decrees and Orders, Entry Books of.**

*Series I.* 1 Elizabeth to 3 James I. 29 Vols.

*Series II.* 1 James I to 1 Charles I. 37 Vols.



**Decrees and Orders**—(continued).

*Series III.* 1 Charles I to 13 Charles II. 39 Vols.

*Series IV.* 2 James I to 1841. (Decrees only.) 57 Vols.

*Series V.* 13 Charles II to 1841. (Orders only.) 85 Vols.

*Calendars.* 1 Elizabeth to 3 James I. 3 Vols. MS.

1 to 8 James I. 4 Vols. MS.

*Do.* (of *Decrees only.*) 1 to 31 Elizabeth and from James I to Charles II. 1 Vol. MS., known as 'Vanderzee's Index.'

*Do.* (of *Decrees only.*) 2 James I to 5 William and Mary 4 Vols. MS.

*Chronological Index to Decrees and Orders.* James I to Charles I. 8 Vols. MS.

*Index to Decrees and Orders.* 1631 to 1680 and to Decrees only, 1677 to 1841. 13 Vols. MS.

*Index to Orders.* 1686 to 1841. 25 Vols. MS.

*Index Locorum* (to Decrees, Orders, and other Exchequer Records). Elizabeth to George III. 1 Vol. Printed. Known as 'Martin's Index.'

**Decrees and Orders, Original.**

*Decrees and Orders.* 1580 to 1662. 129 Bundles.

*Do.* (Supplementary). 22 Bundles. These appear to be drafts only.

*Decrees.* 1673 to 1841. 74 Bundles and Vols.

*Orders.* 1664 to 1842. 139 Bundles and Vols.

**Deeds.**

*Series D.*

This collection includes, in addition to the deeds and charters between private persons, many original letters patent formerly in Series I of the class of such letters patent amongst the records of the King's Remembrancer. The Deeds are arranged in two periods, viz. :—

Ancient ; to the end of the reign of Elizabeth.

Modern ; from the commencement of the reign of James I. The Ancient Deeds are subdivided into the following series :—

Deeds D. Deeds packed in envelopes. (Nos. 1 to 1330 are described in the Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, Vol. 3.)

Deeds DD. Deeds too large to be packed in the above method.

Deeds DS. Deeds with fine seals packed in cardboard boxes.

Deeds RS. Receipts with seals in good condition.

**Deeds and Charters, Transcripts of.**

Three bundles, formerly amongst the Miscellanea, containing a number of rolls of Charters and grants to Religious Houses, apparently compiled in the reign of Edward I and corresponding to the 'Cartæ Antiquæ' of the Court of Chancery, together with transcripts of various small collections of private deeds extending from Edw. I to Edw. IV.

*Descriptive List.*

**Depositions taken before the Barons of the Exchequer, called 'Barons' Depositions.'**

Eliz. to 1841. 162 Bundles. Depositions taken in causes on the Equity side of the Exchequer.

*Calendar.* Elizabeth. 1 Vol. MS.

*Alphabetical Index.* Eliz. to Victoria. 2 Vols. MS.

**Depositions taken by Commission.**

Eliz. to 1841, and Miscellaneous. 900 Bundles. Similar Depositions in Equity causes corresponding to the 'Country Depositions' of the Chancery.

*Calendar.* 1 Eliz. to 22 Jas. I. Report XXXVIII, App., No. 2.

*Do.* 1 Chas. I to 24 Chas. I. Report XXXIX, App., No. 2.

*Do.* 24 Chas. I to 4 Jas. II. Report XL, App., No. 1.

*Do.* 1 Wm. and Mary to 13 Geo. I. Report XLI, App., No. 1.

*Do.* George II. Report XLII, App., No. 1.

*Do.* George III. 3 Vols. MS.

*Do.* George IV to Victoria. 1 Vol. MS.

*Do.* Eliz. to George II. (Arranged Countywise). 11 Vols.

*Do.* Miscellaneous, Eliz. to Vict. 1 Vol. MS.

*Index.* Do. Do. 2 Vols. MS.

*Do.* 1 to 33 Eliz. 1 Vol. MS.

*Do.* 1 to 22 Jas. I. 3 Vols. MS.

**Ecclesiastical Documents.**

Henry III to James I. 21 Bundles. These consist principally of Transcripts of Proceedings in various courts relating to Ecclesiastical and Monastic matters and of documents touching the possession of Church Lands and Tithes, rights of presentation, &c.

They also include accounts of the Fines and Penalties imposed by the Commissioners for Ecclesiastical causes in the reigns of Elizabeth and James I, and of Bonds given by various persons for personal appearance, or that they would not confer with Jesuits, seminary priests, or known recusants.

The following cartularies are included in this series:—

Epworth Priory, in the Isle of Axholme (fragmentary).

[No. 2/24].

Carmelite Friary of Lynn, co. Norfolk. [No. 2/50].

St. Thomas of Acre, London. [No. 2/57].

A chantry at Wimborne, co. Dorset. [No. 3/21].

Ramsey Abbey, co. Huntingdon (portion of a cartulary).

[No. 20/4].

Priory of St. Andrew, Northampton (Register Book)

[No. 20/3].

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**Escheators' Accounts.**

Henry III to James I. 247 Bundles.

*Descriptive List.* 1 Vol. MS.

Prior to the reign of Henry III the revenue arising from Escheated or Forfeited Lands was answered for by the Sheriffs of the several counties, and entered on the Great Rolls of the Exchequer or Pipe Rolls, under the title 'De purpresturis et escaetis.' In the year 1195 and for the three subsequent years the Escheats are separately accounted for on the Pipe Rolls by distinct officers appointed for the management of these revenues. During the reign of John, however, and the earlier years of Henry III, a return appears to have been made to the previous system of the Sheriff accounting for the Escheats, except that gradually the collection of the more important of them was allotted to specially appointed officers.

About the middle of the reign of Henry III the whole kingdom was divided into two Escheatrics, 'Citra Trentam' and 'Ultra Trentam,' and this arrangement continued until 17 Edward II. From that year until the end of the reign of Edward II, the system of the Escheatrics underwent frequent changes. For a short period the Escheatry south of Trent was divided into seven Escheatrics, consisting each of a group of counties. At another time the Sheriff of each county or group of two counties was appointed Escheator and the arrangement of the Escheatrics thereby became identical with that of the Counties at the Exchequer. In 1 Richard II the country was divided into the following Escheatrics:—

Bedford and Bucks.

Cambridge and Huntingdon.

Cumberland, Westmoreland and Northumberland.

Devon and Cornwall.

York.

Essex and Hertford.

Gloucester, Hereford and the Marches of Wales.

Kent and Middlesex.

Lincoln.

Norfolk and Suffolk.

Northampton and Rutland.

Nottingham and Derby.

Oxford and Berks.

Salop, Stafford and the Marches of Wales.

Somerset and Dorset.

Surrey and Sussex.

Southampton and Wilts.

Warwick and Leicester.

Worcester.

The Escheator of the palatinate counties of Chester, Durham and Lancaster did not account at the Exchequer. During the reigns of Richard II and Henry IV a few further subdivisions of the counties in the above groups were made, but by the reign of Henry V the division of the country into Escheatorial districts had become complete, no alteration having been made since that reign, except that particular cities or towns



**Escheators' Accounts—(continued).**

obtained the privilege of being immune from the King's Escheator, their own mayors or bailiffs in such cases usually accounting at the Exchequer for the Escheats. The first instance of a charter conferring such immunity is that granted to the city of London in the first year of Edward III, and a similar privilege was conferred on Newcastle-on-Tyne in 7 Edw. III.

The office of Escheator appears to have disappeared with the abolition of Feudal Tenures at the Restoration, inquiries respecting estates forfeited to the Crown from about the 5th year of Charles I to recent times being made by virtue of Special Commissions for that purpose issued out of the Court of Chancery and returnable into the Petty Bag Office.

The earlier Escheators' Accounts contain full particulars as to the property accounted for, stating where it was situated, its extent and value, and the reasons why it was seized into the King's hands (*Statutes of the Realm, I. 238*), the matter therein contained being uniformly distributed under the heads 'Old Escheats,' 'New Escheats,' and 'Goods of Outlaws, Felons, and Fugitives.' An alteration in the mode of making up these accounts took place about the 20th year of Elizabeth, subsequent to which date all particulars are omitted.

**Escheators' Files.**

Henry III to Richard III. 23 Portfolios. These are subsidiary to the Escheators' Accounts and contain Writs of Livery, Appointments of Escheators, and Indentures between the incoming and out-going Officers, Inquisitions as to the goods and chattels of Felons and Outlaws, and as to lands alienated without licence and other Inquisitions of various kinds.

The Inquisitions post mortem taken by the Escheators, or copies of them, were formerly preserved on these Files, but have now been withdrawn and formed into a distinct collection.

**Estreats.**

Henry III to Victoria. 213 Bundles. Estreats of the fines and amercements imposed in divers courts to be collected by the Sheriffs and sent to the Exchequer in order to check the Sheriffs' accounts. They have been arranged for the most part under Counties.

**Exmoor Forest Enclosure Award.**

58 George III. Award and Plan. This is the original of the Award taken under an Act of 55 Geo. III and enrolled on the Memoranda Roll.

**Extents, Ancient.**

John to Henry VI. 119 Documents. A collection of Extents, &c., of forfeited lands relating chiefly to the possessions of the Knights Templars, of the Contrarians, of the Despensers, of Roger Mortimer and his adherents, and of Edmund Earl of March. They include a roll of Inquisitions concerning those claiming corrodies and rents from the various houses of the

**Extents, Ancient**—(continued).

Knights Templars in the hands of the King (1-2 Edward II), which has been printed in Cole's *Documents illustrative of English History*, and Inquisitions concerning Corrodies, &c., granted by the Knights Templars (2-5 Edward III).

All these are included in the General List of 'Extents, Rentals, Surveys and Valors' (Lists and Indexes No. XXV, 1908).

**Extents and Inquisitions.**

Henry III to Victoria. 121 Bundles.

**Extents and Inquisitions relating to Crown Debtors.**

1685 to 1842. 108 Portfolios.

**Extents (Excise).**

George III and George IV. 9 Portfolios.

**Forest Proceedings.**

Henry III to Commonwealth. 3 Bundles. A small collection of documents subsidiary to the Accounts of the Forests (*see Accounts Various*) and for the most part formerly preserved amongst the Ancient Miscellanea. They consist of Inquisitions taken before Justices of the Forests, Pleas in Forest Courts, Claims to liberties in and Perambulations of various Forests. They have been arranged under Counties.

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**Grants and Leases, Particulars for.**

Henry VIII to Charles II. 6 Bundles. These are of a similar nature to the Particulars for Grants amongst the Records of the Court of Augmentations where a description of them is given in this volume. Many of them are Books or Portions of Books of Enrolments of such Particulars.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Informations.**

Henry VII to 1893. 50 Bundles. These consist of Informations on the Revenue side of the Exchequer and prior to 1842 of Informations of Intrusion, &c., in Equity causes. Prior to 1842 they are enrolled on the Memoranda Rolls.

*Index.* 1843 to 1893. 4 Vols. MS.

**Inquisitions post mortem.**

The Inquisitions post mortem preserved in the Exchequer are arranged in two Series, viz. :—

*Series I.* Henry III to Richard III. 248 Files.

*Series II.* Henry VII to James I. 1,229 Files.

The documents in Series I appear to have been transmitted by the Escheators to the King's Remembrancer's Office in the same pouches as their Accounts, for which they acted to some

**Inquisitions post mortem—(continued).**

extent as vouchers, and were subsequently arranged, together with other vouchers, on Files according to the several Escheatrics. The Inquisitions post mortem have been withdrawn from the Escheators' Files and arranged in chronological order. They are included in the Calendars of the Inquisitions post mortem now in progress, prepared under the superintendence of the Deputy Keeper of the Records.

The Inquisitions in Series II (a Catalogue of which is printed in the Deputy Keeper's 10th Report, App. II, 1-222), appear to be Transcripts made in the Chancery and forwarded thence to the Exchequer for the information of the King's Remembrancer, except as regards a small proportion of the Inquisitions taken by the Escheator *virtute officii sui*, of which the originals are in the Exchequer, with no corresponding record in the Chancery.

The Inquisitions for the reign of Henry VII are referred to in the printed Calendar of Inquisitions post mortem for that reign, two volumes of which, extending from 1 to 20 Henry VII, have been published; those from Henry VIII to James I inclusive are noticed in the Alphabetical List of Inquisitions post mortem issued in the Series of Lists and Indexes.

These Inquisitions are exceedingly valuable as adjuncts to the Chancery Series, many of which are almost illegible from constant handling and from the injudicious use of restorative fluids in past times.

**Inquisitions, Enrolments of.**

Edward I to Henry VIII. 25 rolls and files. This is a small class of Enrolments or abstracts of Inquisitions, consisting of both Inquisitions post mortem, which will be included in the Calendars referred to above, and of a few Inquisitions ad quod damnum, references to which will be found in Appendix II to the printed list of those Inquisitions (Lists and Indexes, No. XXII, 1906).

**Inquisitions ad quod damnum.**

Henry III to Henry VI. 1 File. These are referred to in Appendix II to the printed list of Inquisitions ad quod damnum (Lists and Indexes, No. XXII, 1906).

**Inventories of Goods and Chattels.**

John to Charles II. 5 Bundles. A small collection of Inventories of the goods, &c., of attainted persons and others brought together from the several classes of Miscellanea of the Exchequer.

*Descriptive List.*

**Judgments (Revenue).**

1860 to 1894. 34 Bundles.

*Index.* 1861 to 1894. 3 Vols. MS.



**Letters Patent, Original.**

*Circa* Edward III to James II. 32 Boxes, &c. A small collection of Letters Patent and Indentures relating principally to the Jointures of Henrietta Maria, Queen of Charles I, and of Catherine of Portugal, Queen of Charles II. Several of them are splendidly illuminated.

*Descriptive List.*

**Licences to pass beyond the Seas.**

Elizabeth to Charles II. 1 Bundle. These consist principally of Registers of Soldiers taking the oath of allegiance before going to serve in the Low Countries between the years 1613 and 1624, and of Licences to persons going abroad, chiefly to Holland, between 1624 and 1632.

They include a List of Licences to go beyond the seas from 14 to 20 Elizabeth inclusive, and several Registers of Passengers to New England, Barbados and other Colonies between the years 1634 and 1639. The latter, with other documents bearing on the same subject from the Colonial State Papers, have been printed in the *Original Lists of persons emigrating to America*, 1635 to 1700, published by Messrs. Chatto and Windus in 1874.

*Descriptive List.*

**Masters' Account Books.**

1791 to 1842. 7 Vols. These are the Accounts of receivers of estates allowed by the Masters of the Court of Exchequer in the following equity causes, viz., the Attorney General *v.* Jarvis, the King *v.* Lane, the King *v.* Mainwaring, and the Attorney General *v.* Smart.

**Memoranda Rolls.**

2 Henry III to 1884. 776 Rolls. The Memoranda Rolls of the Exchequer probably owe their origin to the notes which were necessary for the process of Audit both at the Easter View and the Michaelmas Account. Hence in the earliest form in which the rolls appear\* the entries are arranged mainly under counties, as though for the convenience of the Pipe Roll scribe. By the beginning of the reign of Henry III, when the regular series of the rolls commence, they have already acquired their definite character as a record of the daily procedure of the Exchequer. The matter contained in them falls under two heads, viz. :—

- (1) That relating to the actual process of accounting which would include the *Adventus Vicecomitum* or record of appearances of the sheriffs and bailiffs, either in person or by their attorneys, with the amounts of their proffers, the *Dies Dati*† or days appointed to the sheriffs and others for their attendance upon their view or account or other purpose and the entries headed *Visus* or *Compotus*, which consist of the notes taken during the actual view or account.

\* L.T.R. Misc. Rolls, Bundle 1, Nos. 3 and 3.

† These do not always form a separate item on the rolls, but are sometimes amongst the *Communia* described below, to which they are related.

**Memoranda Rolls**—(continued).

- (2) The incidental enrolment of writs and other matter not immediately bearing upon the Account. This includes the *Communia*, which as the *Communia Memoranda* appear on the earliest rolls mentioned above, and meant possibly matters not relating to a particular account and of a more general character than those described under (1). They comprise writs issued from the Exchequer, writs received at the Exchequer, notes of matters to be remembered, acknowledgments of debts, appointments of attorneys, &c.

In general it may be said that the Memoranda Rolls deal with the process of recovering payments and the difficulties attendant thereon, whereas the Pipe Rolls show the completed payment. During the greater part of the reign of Henry III the two series of Memoranda Rolls duplicate each other as to the entries they contain, although there are frequent discrepancies in the notes against these entries, this being due to the fact that the rolls were meant to be the basis of further proceedings. In or about 53 Henry III the King's Remembrancer's series begins to show an independent development. The gradual differentiation which then appears to have set in between the functions of the two Remembrancers became crystallised by the Exchequer Ordinance of 1323. Henceforward the Memoranda Rolls of the King's Remembrancer relate more particularly to matters concerning the collection of *occasional debts* to the Crown arising by way of seizures and forfeitures, and also by intrusions, trespasses, and other acts to the injury of the Crown, whilst those of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer concern the collection of the *regular dues* or *duties* of the Crown, comprising the rents and issues received or levied annually by the Sheriffs and put in charge on the Pipe Roll.

The Writs issued under the Great or Privy Seal, the *Brevia directa Baronibus*, which were the warrants for Exchequer process, are enrolled on the King's Remembrancer's side only. They consist of Writs of *allocate*, of discharge or for respite of debts, of *certiorari* and for other financial business. On the other hand, Writs issued in the Exchequer itself are enrolled by both Remembrancers. These consist of *Brevia Irretornabilia*, which are mainly warrants for the payment of money by accountants or for the incurring of necessary expenditure, and *Brevia Retornabilia*, which include writs for the taking of inquiries, for the production of accountants at the Exchequer, and for the levying of money due upon accounts.

The *Communia* on the King's Remembrancer's side contain enrolments of proceedings on Writs for the recovery of debts due to the Crown—of Informations on Seizures made in the several Ports of goods forfeited for non-payment of customs or for unlawful importation—of Transcripts of Outlawries and other proceedings whereby lands or goods were forfeited to the Crown—of Special Commissions of Inquiry, with the Returns thereto—of Informations of Intrusion on the Royal Forests and Wastes, &c.—and of Information of offences against the various Statutes regulating trade and industry.

**Memoranda Rolls**—(continued).

The rolls also contain enrolments of Grants and Letters Patent for several purposes, of Warrants and Constitutions under the Sign Manual, of many Decrees and Orders in causes on the Equity side of the Exchequer, and of such Deeds and Instruments between private individuals as were acknowledged before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Recognizances and Bonds of various kinds, such as those entered into by Printers and Publishers, and the appointments of Officers in the King's Remembrancer's Department, are enrolled on the Memoranda Rolls.

The Coming of the Sheriffs and other Accountants to the Exchequer to make their half-yearly Proffers, and the States and Views of the Public Accounts of the Kingdom, with other matters concerning the collection of the Revenue, are also entered on these rolls in the same manner as on the rolls of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer.

Subsequent to the reform of the Exchequer by the Statute 3 and 4 Will. IV, c. 99, and to the abolition of its equity jurisdiction in 1841, the King's Remembrancer's Memoranda Rolls contain enrolments of revenue judgments in the Court of Exchequer, and afterwards in the High Court of Justice, and of deeds entered into by H.M. Commissioners of Works and Public Buildings.

*Repertories*.\* 1 Edw. I to 32 Charles II.

*Calendar with Index of Deeds Enrolled.* 1–35 Edw. I. 1 Vol.

*Martin's 'Index to the Exchequer Records.'* 1 Vol. 8vo.

*Indexes called 'Agenda Books.'* 35 Hen. VIII to 1860. 37 Vols.

*Index to Enrolments.* 1861 to 1884. 2 Vols.

**Minute Books.**

(**Common.**) 1616 to 1888. 163 Vols. These are Minute Books of the Orders made in equity and revenue causes and subsequently to 1841 of the Revenue Orders only.

(**Exchequer Chamber.**) 1695 to 1841. 46 Vols. Minute Books of the Decrees made in the Exchequer Chamber in equity causes.

**Miscellanea of the Exchequer.**

Richard I to Victoria. A collection of documents belonging to no particular class, many of which are of considerable historical interest. The greater part of them consists of the residuum of the Ancient Miscellanea of the King's Remembrancer's Department and of the Miscellanea of the Treasury of the Receipt or Chapter House. The collection includes also some documents formerly amongst the records of the Augmentation Office. There is a *Descriptive List* of these documents, from which the following may be extracted as worthy of especial mention :—

A Roll of Debts for which William Cade has charters of debt, (10 Henry II.) (No. 1/11.) (Printed in *English Hist. Rev.* XXVIII.)

\* Prior to the reign of Edward III these Repertories are very meagre.



**Miscellanea of the Exchequer—(continued).**

A Roll of Extracts from the Patent and Close Rolls of all matters relating to Wales. 1-39 Henry III (No. 1/7).

A Roll of Grants in Ireland, Wales, and Gascony. 11-41 Henry III (No. 1/9.)

A Roll entitled 'Terræ Normannorum seisitæ in manum Domini Regis,' containing an account of the grants of custody of certain lands formerly belonging to the Normans, which had been seized into the King's hands on the separation of Normandy from the English Crown. Temp. Henry III (No. 1/22). (Printed in Hunter's *Rotuli Selecti*.)

A Roll entitled 'Terræ rebellium datæ fidelibus,' containing brief notices of the lands of the Earl of Leicester and his followers, confiscated by the Dictum de Kenilworth, with the names of the persons to whom they had been given. Temp. Henry III (No. 1/24). (Printed in Hunter's *Rotuli Selecti*.)

Two Rolls containing examples of a great number of Writs compiled apparently in the reigns of Henry III and Edward IV respectively (Nos. 1/27 and 8/23).

A Roll relating to the Laws and Customs of Wales. 9 Edward I (No. 1/36).

An Enrolment of the Letters and other Instruments of Edward, Prince of Wales. A description of this roll is printed in the 9th Report, App. II, pp. 246-249. 33 Edward I (No. 5/2).

A File of documents relating to the walls, ditches, and weirs of the Thames. 16-17 Edward II (No. 4/12).

A list of the Inhabitants of London who had been in arms against Edward II (Nos. 4/27 and 4/28).

A File of Proceedings relating to disorders in the City of London. 11 Richard II (No. 5/28).

A Register of Writs. Temp. Richard II (No. 6/17).

Inquisitions, &c., relating to the plot of the Countess of Oxford and others. 5 Henry IV (No. 6/28).

A File of documents relating to the conspiracy of the Earl of Cambridge. (Printed in 43rd Report, App. I, pp. 579-594.) Temp. Henry V (No. 7/7).

A Book of Precedents for grants. Temp. Henry VI (No. 8/17).

A Roll of Precedents for writs. Temp. Henry VI (No. 8/23).

Proceedings as to disputes between the English and foreign inhabitants of Carnarvon, Merioneth, and Anglesea. 9-24 Henry VII (No. 9/13).

Drafts of Proceedings of the Council of the Prince of Wales. 24 Henry VII (No. 9/20).

An account of the lawless condition of Wales. Temp. Henry VIII (No. 11/34).

A File of Inquisitions relating to Apparel. 5 Elizabeth (No. 13/9).

A File of Proceedings against Pirates. 21-35 Elizabeth (No. 14/5).

A Return of new buildings in the City of London. 28-39 Elizabeth (No. 15/4).

A Treatise on the Court of Star Chamber, by William Lambard Temp. Elizabeth (No. 24/9).

A Pension Roll of Gray's Inn. 5 James I (No. 17/7).

A Bundle of documents relating to the History of the Exchequer and the names and duties of its officers, including two Rolls containing the Names of the Barons of the Exchequer from 8 Edw. II to 27 Eliz., and of the Treasurers of the Exchequer from 6 Edw. II to 14 Eliz. (No. 20/16).

A 'Liber Pacis,' containing the names of the Lords Lieutenant of Counties, Justices of the Peace and others. Temp. James I (No. 16/21).

A similar volume. 2 Charles I (No. 18/12).

Petitions and claims relating to the Estates of the Earl of Cleveland. Charles II. 2 Vols. (Nos. 19/21 and 19/22).

**Miscellaneous Books, Series I.**

72 Vols., as follows :—

Vol. 1. A 'BREVIAE' OF DOMESDAY BOOK WITH OTHER MEMORANDA.  
Temp. Edward I.

A similar abridgment to that preserved amongst the Books of the Exchequer, Treasury of Receipt, and containing on the fly-leaves various Notes and Memoranda of historical and other matters.

Vol. 2. RED BOOK OF THE EXCHEQUER, OR 'LIBER RUBEUS.' The Red Book of the Exchequer consists of two distinct portions or subdivisions, the first of which comprises the original entries made at the time the volume was compiled (none of which are of a later date than 15 Henry III), and is distinguished from the rest of the volume by the regularity and beauty of the handwriting, by the illumination, and by the entries being in double columns. By this portion, however, one half only of the volume is occupied, the rest being filled by entries in the hands of later scribes, many of which are of great curiosity and value, but have been made with little regard to the uniformity or beauty of the volume.

The greater part of these entries belong to the period of Edward I, with a few of the reigns of Edward II, Edward III, and Richard II.

Since the latter reign nothing appears to have been added (with the exception of one grant in the reign of Henry V) till the reign of Elizabeth, when the blank leaves of the volume were used by the Officers of the Exchequer for official Memoranda of various kinds, entered quite at random.

The contents of the First Portion are as follows :—

1. The Laws of Henry I. 'De libertate Ecclesiæ et totius Angliæ observanda.'
2. 'Constitutio Domus Regis' (Temp. Hen. II). This is also in the Little Black Book.
3. The 'Dialogus de Scaccario.' (Also in the Black Book, *see* p. 210.)
4. A collection made from the Pipe Rolls by Alexander de Swereford (temp. Hen. III) of all the Scutages levied between 2 Hen. II and 13 John, showing the number of Knights' Fees accounted for by each Tenant in Capite.
5. Transcripts of the Certificates or 'Chartæ' by the several Tenants in Capite of the number of Knights' Fees held by them returned into the Exchequer in 14 Hen. II. (These are also in the Black Book.)
6. A Return of the Serjeanties in the different Counties.
7. Inquisitions respecting Knights' Fees and other Tenures in Capite. 12 & 13 John.
8. Similar Inquisitions respecting the Knights' Fees of escheated Honours. 13 John.
9. An account of the Knights' Fees held by the Tenants of the Duke of Normandy, with the service due from them.

The additional entries may be classified as follows :—

(I) Lists of Knights' Fees, &c., and Official Memoranda, as follows :—

1. Excerpts from the Pipe Rolls of Henry II and Richard I.
2. A large collection of the Feudal Tenures in various Counties, with the sums paid thereon in the reigns of Henry II and Richard I.
3. A list of Knights' Fees in the County of Chester. 37 Hen. III.
4. Accounts of Castle Guard Rents belonging to Dover, Windsor, Newcastle-on-Tyne, &c. Temp. Hen. III.
5. A collection of Ordinances by the King and Council respecting the practice of the Exchequer in the reigns of Edw. II and Edw. III.
6. The Oaths of the several Officers of the Exchequer (in a handwriting of the reign of Elizabeth), together with those of the Lord Mayor of London and of the Mayors and Bailiffs of other Cities and Towns, and of the Escheators, Sheriffs, Justiciars, and Members of the King's Council, with other Memoranda relating to the business of the Court and various documents relating to the Mint and Coinage.

**Miscellaneous Books, Series I—(continued).**

(II) Public Charters, Statutes, and Diplomatic Documents, as follows:—

1. Transcripts of Charters of William the Conqueror, Henry I, Henry II, and Henry III, including an *Inspeximus* of Magna Carta\* by Stephen, Archbishop of Canterbury, and other Prelates, including Pandulf, the Pope's Legate, with Letters Testimonial as to its authenticity, and the Charter of Liberties of 9 Hen. III.

(The copies of these Charters printed in the *Statutes of the Realm* and in Rymer's *Fœdera* have been either taken from or collated with those in the Red Book.)

2. Transcripts of Statutes of Henry III, Edward I, and Edward II. (Printed in the *Statutes of the Realm*.)
3. Letters and Treaties relating to the affairs of the Emperor Frederic II (brother-in-law of Henry III), and to negotiations with France, Flanders, and Scotland.

(III) Papal Bulls and Letters.

These consist of Transcripts of Bulls and Letters concerning the Papal authority, of various dates, including a Declaration by Wm. Marshall, Earl of Pembroke, and others in the name of the magnates of Ireland, protesting against the absolution by Pope Innocent of the subjects of the King of England from their allegiance, the famous letter from Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln to Pope Innocent IV in 1253, and a Catalogue of Papal Bulls delivered into the Exchequer.

(IV) Title Deeds, &c., of the Royal Possessions.

These consist of Transcripts of Grants and Conveyances to the King from various persons, including Quit-claims from Piers de Gaveston of several Manors received by him from Edward II; documents relating to the possessions of Isabella de Fortibus, Countess of Albemarle (Temp. Edward I), who had made the King her heir; and Charters and Grants to the King from John de Warrenna, Earl of Surrey, Ralph Pipard knight, Gilbert Peche knight, Hugh de Plessetis, the Bishop of Winchester, and many others.

A very full Report by Mr. Hunter on the composition and contents of the Red Book of the Exchequer, from which the foregoing particulars are taken, is contained in the Report of the Record Commissioners for the year 1837, pp. 165–177.

This volume has been published in the Rolls Series of publications, 3 Vols. (1896).

Vol. 3. BOOK OF AIDS. Edward III and Henry IV.

A large volume of 336 leaves, containing Particulars of the Accounts of the Collectors of the Aid granted for making the King's eldest son a knight in the 20th year of Edward III, and also of an aid towards marrying the King's eldest daughter, granted in the 3rd year of Henry IV. The tenures of the persons contributing to the several Aids are described with great minuteness, the volume forming a most valuable Record of the Knights' Fees throughout the greater part of the kingdom. The writing appears to be of the early fifteenth century and it is probable that the volume was prepared as a precedent for the tax of 6 Henry VI.

The text of the volume collated with the original returns where they are known to exist is printed in the series of *Inquisitions and Assessments relating to Feudal Aids, A.D. 1284 to 1431*, prepared under the direction of the Deputy Keeper of the Records and completed in six volumes (1899–1920).

Vol. 4. BOOK OF KNIGHTS' FEES. 6 Henry VI.

A volume containing transcripts of Inquisitions as to the Knights' Fees, &c., in various Counties, taken in the 6th year of Henry the Sixth for the purpose of levying the Subsidy granted in that year.

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\* None of the sealed copies of Magna Carta which were made and dispatched to different parts of the country are preserved in the Public Record Office. Four only of these copies are known to exist; one in Lincoln Cathedral, one in that of Salisbury, and two others, together with a sealed copy of the Articles of the Charter, in the British Museum.



Vol. 5. TESTA DE NEVILL or LIBER FEODORUM. Vol. 1.

The two volumes known as 'Testa de Nevill' contain

The two volumes known as 'Testa de Nevill' contain transcripts apparently made about the beginning of the reign of Edward II from various returns and lists preserved in the Exchequer, some of which were themselves known by the name of Testa de Nevill.

The principal returns included in the volumes are the following :—

1. An inquiry into the valuation of lands held by sergeants in connexion with the assessment of a carucage of 1198.
2. An inquiry taken on a writ dated 1 June, 1212.
3. Extracts from eyres of 1219, 1227 and 1235 relating to sergeants, churches in the King's gift and widows and heirs in the King's ward.
4. An inquiry connected with the carucage of 1220.
5. Accounts of the collectors for the aid to marry the King's sister, 1235, and an inquiry connected therewith in the following year.
6. Inquiries and accounts connected with the assessment of the Scutage of Gascony, 1242.
7. An inquiry into lands of the Normans, 1244.
8. Robert Passelewe's inquiry into the alienation of lands held by serjeanty, 1250.
9. Certain casual returns and isolated documents.

Some of the original rolls from which these two volumes were compiled exist in the collection of Documents relating to Serjeanties, Knights' Fees, &c., referred to below.

The volumes were printed in full by the Record Commissioners, with Indices Locorum and Nominum. A new edition, re-formed from the earliest MSS. by the Deputy Keeper of the Records, is now in the press, Part I (A.D. 1108-1242) having been already issued.

Vol. 7. A BOOK OF FIFTEENTHS AND TENTHS. 3 Henry V.

A volume containing Particulars of the Collection of a Fifteenth and Tenth granted by the laity in the 3rd year of Henry the Fifth in all Counties and Cities throughout England. The total Amounts only are given.

Vol. 8A } TRANSCRIPTS OF THE GREAT COWCHERS OF THE DUCHY OF  
8B } LANCASTER.

These are transcripts apparently contemporary of the two volumes amongst the Duchy of Lancaster records. They have been much illuminated, but do not possess the heraldic designs of the originals. The first is described on the fly-leaf as 'Liber Johannis Maynard,' by whom it is stated to have been delivered into Court on the 2nd June, 26 Charles II.

Vol. 9. TRANSCRIPTS OF STATUTES. John to Richard II.

A volume containing Transcripts of Statutes, commencing with those of Marlborough and Runnymede, together with entries of a great number of Writs, an Article entitled 'Prerogativa Regis,' &c., &c.

Vol. 10.      Do.      Edw. III to Henry VI.

A similar volume, beautifully illuminated, with an Index to the Subjects.

Vol. II.	Do.	Edw. IV to Henry VIII.
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A similar volume, extending from 1 Edw. IV to 7 Henry VIII.

Vol. 12. BLACK BOOK OF THE EXCHEQUER or 'LIBER NIGER PARVUS.'

This was compiled about the same time as the Red Book (Temp. Henry III), and contains many similar entries.

The contents are as follows :—

1. The Will of Henry II.
2. Treaty between Henry I and Robert Earl of Flanders, dated at Dover, 6 Id. Martii. (Printed in Rymer's *Fœdera*.)
3. Treaty between the same, dated 16 Kal. Junii. (Printed as above.)
4. Treaties between Henry II, Earl Theodoric, and Philip, Earl of Flanders. (Printed as above.)

**Miscellaneous Books, Series I—(continued).**

5. Acknowledgment of the Homage due from the subjects of the Earl of Flanders to Henry II. (Printed as above.)
6. Agreement between Henry II and William, King of Scotland. (Printed as above.)
7. Four Bulls of Pope Alexander. Temp. Hen. II. (Printed as above.)
8. Certificates or 'Chartæ' by the several Tenants in Capite of the number of Knights' Fees held by them returned into the Exchequer in the 14th year of Henry II.
9. An account of the Royal Household (Temp. Henry II), entitled 'Constitutio domus Regis de procuracionibus.'
10. Carta Stannarii Domini Regis.
11. Carta Hamelini Comitis Warren'.
12. Carta Walteri Croc.
13. Carta Henrici de Clinton.
14. Carta Aliciæ de Bella Aqua.
15. Carta Domini Coventrensis.
16. Confirmatio Decani et Capituli Lichfeldensis.
17. Charter to W. de Braosa.
18. Carta Scabinorum et proborum hominum de Sancto Audomaro.
19. The pledges for the sons of W. de Braosa.
20. Honor Bononiæ. (A List of the Knights' Fees, &c., belonging to the Honour.)

Vol. 13. TAXATION OF POPE NICHOLAS. 21 Edward I. Vol. 1 (York).

Vol. 14. Do. Do. Vol. 2 (Canterbury).

The two volumes bearing this title contain a valuation of all the Ecclesiastical Benefices in the Provinces of York and Canterbury respectively, made by command of Edward I and completed about the year 1291. In 1288 Pope Nicholas the Fourth, from whom the valuation takes its name, granted all the tenths due from the Clergy to the King for six years, in order to defray the expenses of an expedition to the Holy Land, and this valuation was then begun by the Royal precept, in order that the said tenths might be collected to their full value. Until the Survey taken in the 26th year of Henry the Eighth, called the 'Valor Ecclesiasticus,' the 'Taxation of Pope Nicholas,' or 'Taxatio Ecclesiastica,' regulated the amount of the taxes due both to King and Pope.

A certified copy of this valuation exists amongst the **Miscellanea of the Chancery** (*q.v.*) and the Original Returns for several Dioceses will be found amongst the Clerical Subsidies.

The two volumes above described have been printed in full by the Record Commissioners in 1 Vol. folio.

Vol. 15. TENURES IN WARWICK. 7 Edw. I.

A book of 126 parchment leaves containing transcripts of the 'Inquisitiones Hundredorum' for the county of Warwick. For an account of the Hundred Rolls *see under* **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**. The contents of this volume have not been printed.

Vol. 16. POSSESSIONS OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

Inquisitions concerning the possessions of the Knights Templars, taken by Geoffrey Fitz-Stephen, the Master of that Order, in 1185. A volume of 66 parchment leaves (with some additional blank ones), notable for its ancient binding.

Vol. 17. TRANSCRIPT OF KIRKBY'S QUEST. 13 Edward I.

An Abstract, apparently compiled in the 16th century, of the Returns of all the Knights' Fees, held from the King in Capite or from others in various Counties, according to Inquisitions thereof taken by John de Kirkby, the King's Treasurer, and others in the 13th year of Edward I. The volume comprises also a return for Cornwall, dated 34 Edw. I and memoranda relating to the tenure of land extracted principally from Escheators' Accounts and Inquisitions of Edw. I and Edw. II. The returns contained in the volume have been checked with the originals where they exist and other

**Miscellaneous Books, Series I—(continued).**

transcripts and printed in the series of *Feudal Aids* above referred to, in the preface to Vol. I of which will be found an account of the survey known as 'Kirkby's Quest' and of the extant documents relating to it.

At folios 108 and 446 there are calendars of the possessions in England of alien priories compiled for the most part from extents and accounts of the reigns of Edward I and Edward II.

- Vol. 18. RENTAL, &C., OF THE PRIORY OF HOLY TRINITY [*alias* CHRIST CHURCH], LONDON.

A small volume of 38 leaves of vellum, of which 3 are blank. Rubricated and written mostly in the 14th century with a few later additions of the end of the 15th.

- Vol. 19. CARTULARY OF TORRE ABBEY.

114 leaves of vellum (a few blank). Slightly rubricated, in a fifteenth century handwriting. A note on the fly-leaf of the volume states that the volume was delivered into the Exchequer on 3 Feb., 1579, by Richard Melford, of the Inner Temple, London, by order of the Court.

- Vol. 20. CARTULARY OF GODSTOWE NUNNERY.

208 leaves of vellum. Slightly rubricated, written for the most part in an early 15th century hand. The volume was delivered into the Exchequer on 11 Feb., 1585, by Richard Browne.

- Vol. 21. CARTULARY OF COVENTRY PRIORY.

271 leaves of vellum. Handwriting of the 15th century.

- Vol. 22. CARTULARY OF WARWICK COLLEGE.

232 leaves of vellum, of which a few are blank. Handwriting of 15th century.

- Vol. 23. CARTULARY OF NEWSTEAD PRIORY.

148 leaves of vellum. Handwriting of 15th century, the first portion slightly rubricated.

- Vol. 24. CARTULARY OF MALMESBURY ABBEY.

310 leaves of vellum. Rubricated and illuminated, written mainly in the late 13th or early 14th century. The volume has been printed in the Series of Chronicles and Memorials (2 vols. 1879, 1880).

- Vol. 25. CARTULARY OF CHERTSEY ABBEY.

402 leaves of vellum, of which a few at the beginning have been cut out. Rubricated and written mostly in the latter half of the 15th century. Contains a coloured map of the abbey lands. A deposition attached to the fly-leaf states that the volume was delivered into the Exchequer pursuant to an order of the Court on 13 June, 1637, by Sir Henry Spiller.

- Vol. 26. CARTULARY OF OSENEY ABBEY.

118 leaves, mostly of paper, of which a few are blank. The first portion consists of a fragment of an English version of Bonaventura's *Speculum Vitæ Christi*, which is followed by the cartulary, the charters being rendered in English. This portion of the book is written in a handwriting of the second half of the 15th century and has been printed by the Early English Text Society (1 Vol. 1913). The latter portion consists of transcripts of Papal Bulls written in an Italian handwriting of the early 16th century.

- Vol. 27. CARTULARY OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S MONASTERY, CANTERBURY.

239 leaves of vellum. In a 14th century handwriting. At the end of the volume is a chronology of events from the Creation to the year A.D. 1331.

- Vol. 28. CARTULARY OF RAMSEY ABBEY.

271 leaves of vellum. Mostly in a 14th century handwriting. From a note on the fly-leaf it appears that the volume was delivered into the Exchequer on 28 Jan., 1583, by Sir Henry Cronwell, kt., in the course of a suit in that Court. The Cartulary has been printed in the series of Chronicles and Memorials (3 vols. 1884-1893).

- Vol. 29. CARTULARY OF LANGDON ABBEY.

181 leaves of vellum. Handwriting mostly of the 14th century. The volume was delivered into Court at the instance of Mr. Solicitor, to be kept for the use of the Queen, on 19 Oct., 1596.



**Miscellaneous Books, Series I—(continued).**

- Vol. 30. VISITATION OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF NORWICH. 42 Edward III.  
A Visitation and Register of Ornaments of all the Churches within the Archdeaconry of Norwich made by William de Swynflete, Archdeacon, A.D. 1368. This register includes a valuation of each benefice, with an account of the Synodals, Peter's Pence, &c., due therefrom, and a detailed statement of all the vestments, ornaments, missals, &c., thereto belonging. The volume is slightly rubricated and contains 150 leaves of parchment.
- Vol. 31. CARDINAL POLE'S CERTIFICATE OF PENSIONS. 2 & 3 Philip and Mary.  
A Certificate or Return, taken by virtue of an Indenture dated 24th Feb., 2 & 3 Philip and Mary, between the King and Queen of the one part and Cardinal Pole as Papal Legate of the other part of all Fees, Annuities, Corrodies, or Pensions payable to Religious Persons throughout England and Wales.
- Vol. 32. THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.  
A sealed Copy deposited in pursuance of the Act of Uniformity, 14 Chas. II.
- Vol. 33. ENROLMENTS OF DEEDS OF BARGAIN AND SALE IN THE AUGMENTATION OFFICE. 35 Hen. VIII.
- Vol. 34. Do. 36 and 37 Hen. VIII.  
Two parchment books of 107 and 87 leaves respectively.
- Vol. 34A. ENTRY BOOK OF DEEDS OF BARGAIN AND SALE, LEASES, CROWN GRANTS, &c. Hen. VIII to Elizabeth.  
A rough paper book of 363 leaves, much injured and repaired. An index locorum is prefixed to the volume.
- Vol. 35. ACCOUNTS OF THE VOYAGES OF MARTIN FROBISHER. Vol. I.
- Vol. 36. Do. Vol. II.  
The Accounts of the three Expeditions of Martin Frobisher in the years 1576, 1577 and 1578 in search of the Meta Incognita or the north-west passage to Cathay.
- \*Vol. 37. HOMBERSTON'S SURVEY. Vol. I.
- \*Vol. 38. Do. Vol. II.  
Two large volumes containing a complete survey of the possessions of the Earls of Northumberland and Westmoreland, and of Sir John Nevill, Leonard Dacre, and other rebels implicated in the Duke of Norfolk's conspiracy, made by Edmund Hall and William Homberston by virtue of a Special Commission dated 18 March, 1570. The volumes consist of 425 and 267 parchment leaves respectively.
- \*Vol. 39. SURVEYS OF VARIOUS MANORS CHIEFLY IN COS. GLOUCESTER AND WORCESTER. Temp. Elizabeth.  
438 paper leaves.
- \*Vol. 40. SURVEY OF THE POSSESSIONS OF THE ARCHBISHOPRIC OF CANTERBURY.  
58 leaves of parchment. Surveys of lands in the counties of Kent, Lancaster and York, taken in 1616 and 1617 upon a special commission dated 19 June, 1616.
- \*Vol. 41. SURVEY OF THE POSSESSIONS OF THOMAS LORD PAGET AND CHARLES PAGET. 1585.  
60 paper leaves of writing. Survey of lands in the counties of Stafford and Derby taken upon a special commission.
- \*Vol. 42. SURVEY OF THE POSSESSIONS OF LEONARD DACRE. 1589.  
46 leaves of parchment. Survey of lands in the counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland taken upon a special commission.
- Vol. 43. SURVEY OF THE MANOR OF CLAXBY, CO. LINCOLN. 39 Eliz.  
36 leaves of parchment. Survey of the Queen's manor taken upon a special commission.
- Vol. 44. SURVEY OF THE MANOR OF ELTHAM, CO. KENT. 3 Jas. I.  
58 leaves of paper. Taken upon a special commission which is attached to the volume.

\* The places surveyed in these volumes are given in detail in the printed list of Rentals and Surveys (Lists and Indexes, XXV).

**Miscellaneous Books, Series I—(continued).**

- \*Vol. 45. SURVEY OF THE POSSESSIONS OF THOMAS, DUKE OF NORFOLK, AND PHILIP, EARL OF ARUNDEL, IN LONDON AND MIDDLESEX. 32 Eliz.  
25 leaves of parchment. Taken upon a special commission which with the articles of instruction is attached to the volume.
- \*Vol. 46. SURVEY OF THE POSSESSIONS OF THE SAME IN NORFOLK, SUFFOLK, CAMBRIDGE AND ESSEX. 31 Eliz.  
304 leaves of parchment. Taken upon two special commissions which with the articles are attached to the volume.
- Vol. 47. SURVEY OF THE HONOUR OF PENRITH AND OF INGLEWOOD FOREST. 17 Jas. I.  
100 leaves of parchment. Taken upon a special commission, which is attached to the volume.
- Vol. 48. REPERTORY OF ESCHЕATORS' ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING VACANT ABBEYS AND PRIORIES. Edw. III to Eliz.  
733 paper leaves. From Edw. III to Edw. IV this volume gives the names of the escheators only, but from Ric. III to Eliz. it gives also those of the persons whose lands were taken, and of the vacant abbeys, &c., whose possessions were seized into the King's hands during such vacancy. Handwriting of 16th century.
- Vol. 49. A BOOK OF NOTES OF OLD INDENTURES. Edw. VI to Eliz.  
50 paper leaves. Notes of indentures, fines and recoveries.
- Vol. 50. A BOOK OF PAYMENTS IN CONNEXION WITH THE POST. Philip and Mary.  
79 paper leaves, of which a few are blank. The cover is engrossed 'liber secundus.'
- Vol. 51. BOOK OF OBLIGATIONS FOR SURVEY OF WOODS. Eliz. and James I.  
81 paper leaves. Contains notes of the delivery or cancellation of the bonds, with references to the entries on the Memoranda Rolls.
- Vol. 52. A BOOK RELATING TO THE SALE OF CROWN LANDS. 8 to 10 James I.  
151 paper leaves. Contains copies of a commission for the sale of crown lands dated 7 Feb., 1611, of two contracts for such sale made by the commissioners and dated 13 July and 20 Oct., 1612, and of particulars for the sale of the lands.
- Vol. 53. COPIES OF LEASES BY QUEEN ANNE. 14-15 James I.  
COPIES OF ORDERS MADE BY THE TRUSTEES FOR THE SALE OF FEE FARM RENTS. 1650-1654.  
160 paper leaves. The book contains in addition entries of stationers' bills and of very miscellaneous matters.
- Vol. 54. COPIES OF LEASES GRANTED BY ROBERT, EARL OF HOLLAND. 1655 to 1669.  
73 pages of writing. Leases of tenements in the parish of St. Bartholomew the Great, London.
- Vol. 55. ACCOUNT BOOKS OF THE STEWARDS OF LORDS WARWICK AND HOLLAND. 1673 to 1679.
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| Vol. 56. | Do. | Do. | 1673 to 1679.  |
| Vol. 57. | Do. | Do. | 1679 and 1680. |
| Vol. 58. | Do. | Do. | 1679 to 1683.  |
| Vol. 59. | Do. | Do. | 1681 to 1689.  |
- These are paper account books of varying size of household expenses in London, Kensington, and elsewhere. A small book for the years 1670 to 1672 has been inserted loose into the covers of Vol. 59.
- Vol. 60. ACCOUNT OF SIR JOHN WOLLASTON AND OTHERS OF MONEYS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF FORFEITED ESTATES. 1651 to 1658.  
85 pages, paper. The volume was delivered into the Exchequer by John Dethick, one of the accountants, on 14 May, 1661, by warrant of the Lord Treasurer dated 14 Feb., 1660 [-1].

\* The places surveyed in these volumes are given in detail in the printed list of Rentals and Surveys (Lists and Indexes, XXV).

**Miscellaneous Books, Series I—(continued).**

- Vol. 61. A BOOK OF PRECEDENTS.  
96 parchment leaves. Mostly temp. Elizabeth, with later additions to 1837.
- Vol. 62. STATES OF ACCOUNTS OF COFFERERS AND MASTERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD. 1727 to 1797.  
79 paper accounts.
- Vol. 63. SIMILAR STATES OF ACCOUNTS. 1727 to 1797.  
77 paper accounts.
- Vol. 64. DRAFTS OF SIMILAR ACCOUNTS. 1727 to 1797.  
143 leaves of paper.
- Vol. 65. (1) EXPENSES OF THE KITCHEN. Temp. Chas. II.  
An account extending over four weeks.  
(2) ROUGH ACCOUNTS OF SUBSIDIES. 1663.  
Brief accounts of collectors, giving the names of persons assessed in their districts, but paying elsewhere.  
Nos. 1 and 2 are contained in the same volume.
- Vol. 66. ACCOUNT OF REPAIRS TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. 1561-1566.  
166 paper leaves. Report by the Lord Mayor of London and others on the repairs with accounts, estimates, list of benevolencies received towards the work and other documents relative thereto.
- Vol. 67. Do. Do. 1631-1642.  
159 paper leaves. Accounts and subsidiary documents.
- Vol. 68. ACCOUNT BOOK OF MONEYS RECEIVED BY THE SALE OF MONASTIC LANDS AND GOODS. Temp. Henry VIII.  
95 paper leaves. Entry book of receipts, with a modern index locorum inserted.
- Vol. 69. DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF THE OFFICE OF TREASURER OF ENGLAND. 27 and 28 Henry VIII.  
95 leaves of parchment.
- Vol. 70. ACCOUNTS OF EXPENSES OF MILITIA. 1763-1799.  
72 documents being accounts, vouchers and other subsidiary matter.
- Vol. 71. ROUGH ACCOUNTS OF SUBSIDIES. 3 Chas. I.
- Vol. 72. Do. Do. 2 Jas. I to 1 Chas. I.  
'Onus' accounts.

**Miscellaneous Books, Series II.**

91 volumes. A series of books relating for the most part to revenue proceedings in the Exchequer. The following are amongst the principal contents of this class:—

REGISTERS OF BAILS AND RECOGNIZANCES. 1500 to 1868. [*Vols. 1 to 18, 43, 76 to 82.*]

These include the Bails and Recognizances given in Crown causes in addition to the Recognizances of Sheriffs and other accountants, and between the years 1842 and 1855 of Printers and Publishers. Many of the volumes have indexes prefixed.

REGISTER OF THE RECOGNIZANCES OF PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS. 1820 to 1842 and 1855 to 1861. [*Vols. 19, 20 and 83.*]

Taken under a Statute of 60 Geo. III.

DITTO OF SOUTH SEA DIRECTORS. 1720. [*Vol. 21.*]

DITTO OF SEIZURES OF GOODS BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS. 1672 to 1843. [*Vols. 25 to 36.*]

DITTO OF ISSUES FORFEITED BEFORE THE BARONS OF THE EXCHEQUER. 1671 to 1675. [*Vol. 37.*]

DITTO OF LICENCES TO COMPOUND SUITS. 1637 to 1797. [*Vols. 38 to 42.*]

MINUTE AND OTHER BOOKS OF THE COMMISSIONERS ON OFFICE FEES. Chas. I. [*Vols. 46 to 51.*]

ACCOUNT BOOKS OF THE REVENUES OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOL AND ALMSHOUSES. 1655 and 1657. [*Vols. 58 and 59.*]

ACCOUNT BOOKS OF COMMISSIONERS OF WINE LICENCES. 1671 to 1672 and 1677. [*Vols. 60 and 61.*]



**Miscellaneous Papers in Revenue Causes.**

18th century. 72 Packages. These consist of Affidavits, Bills of Costs, Draft Reports, Particulars of Sale, and other documents in proceedings by the Attorney-General against defaulting Accountants and others.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS. entitled 'Index to Papers.'

**Notice of Trial Books.**

1790 to 1842. 4 Vols. These relate to revenue or crown proceedings.

**Oaths of Allegiance, &c.**

George I to Victoria. 1 Portfolio. Original Oath Rolls with the signatures of the jurors. They include oaths taken in accordance with the Test Act of 25 Chas. II.

**Order Books (Revenue).**

1842 to 1879. 25 Vols.

**Ordinance Decrees.**

1785 to 1867. 25 Rolls. These contain enrolments of the Decrees made under several Statutes for transferring lands for the service of the Board of Ordnance, in erecting Fortifications, &c. A List of these Rolls is contained in the volume entitled 'Index to Papers.'

**Outlawries.**

Charles I to Victoria. 15 Bundles. Enrolments of extents of the lands and goods of Outlaws.

**Outlawry Books.**

1639 to 1864. 5 Vols. Abstracts of extents of the goods, &c., of Outlaws, with notes of process taken thereon.

**Papists' Estates, Returns of.**

George I. 1 Portfolio. These are Returns by the Clerks of the Peace of several Counties of the names and estates of Papists registered pursuant to the Statutes of the 1st and 9th years of George I, with a few Certificates by the Land Tax Commissioners of the payment by certain Papists of the double assessment on their estates.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Parliamentary and Council Proceedings.**

Edward I to James I. 8 Bundles. A collection of pleadings, petitions, transcripts of statutes, and other proceedings in Parliament and Council formerly amongst the Miscellanea of the King's Remembrancer. The Petitions formerly in this collection have been added to the General Series of **Ancient Petitions**, a list of which has been published. (Lists and Indexes, No. I, 1892.) See **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.**

*Descriptive List.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Petitions.**

1800 to 1841. 15 Portfolios. These are original petitions filed in equity causes.

**Port Books.**

1565 to 1798. 1,551 Bundles. These were entry books kept by the Customs Officers at the various ports. Though varying somewhat as to the amount of information they contain, they show usually the names of ships entering and leaving those ports and of their masters, the nature and value of their merchandise, the places whence they sailed and their destinations. They were issued from the Exchequer in blank and returned to it at stated periods, being intended as a check upon the accounts of the revenue officers. They are referred to in the third, fourth and twelfth Reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. They are arranged in chronological order under the various ports.

*List.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Presentation Rolls of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs.**

1833 to 1900. 3 Rolls and a bundle of papers relating to such presentations from 1833 to 1842.

**Private Collections.**

24 Bundles, &c. These are collections of private letters and papers found amongst the records of the King's Remembrancer's Office. They include amongst others the following belonging apparently to Officers of the Court of Exchequer :—

FANSHAW PAPERS. Henry VIII to James I.

HENEAGE PAPERS. Henry VIII and Edward VI.

STONLEY PAPERS. Elizabeth.

Of these there are *Descriptive Slips*.

**Pyx, Trials of the.**

Verdicts, Warrants, Accounts and Subsidiary documents relating to the Trials of the Pyx. 1660 to 1902. 66 Files.

Entry Books of the Proceedings on Trials of the Pyx. 1603 to 1902. 6 Vols.

**Reports and Certificates.**

1648 to 1841. 112 Bundles and Vols. These relate to the proceedings on the Equity side of the Exchequer. Until July, 1820, they were made by the Deputy Remembrancer, but by Stat. 1 Geo. IV, Ch. 35, two Masters of the Court were appointed, one of whom was also Accountant General of the Court.

*Index.* 5 Vols. MS.

**Sacrament Certificates.**

7 Bundles. These are similar to those preserved in the Chancery and described amongst the records of that Court.

### Seal Office Records.

1724 to 1849. 35 Bundles and Vols. A collection of books and papers relating to the business of the Seal Office in the Court of Exchequer. The office of Sealer in the Court was held by the Under Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, part of the duty of whose office it was to examine the Sheriffs' Bills of Craving and to report thereon as to the sums proper for the Chancellor's allowance, to examine and enter the bills of Necessaries furnished by the Chief Usher of the Court and the bills of the Exchequer and Treasury Messengers for their travelling charges, and to prepare the warrants for all offices within the appointment of the Chancellor. In his office of Sealer it was his particular duty to attend to the sealing of all writs and processes issued out of the Court and to the sealing of all leases of Crown lands. The Seal Office was abolished in 1849.

### Serjeanties, Knights' Fees, &c., Documents relating to.

Henry I to Charles I. 4 Bundles. These include under a new arrangement, with two or three exceptions only, the documents formerly in the class known as RETURNS OF KNIGHTS' FEES. They consist of:—

- (1) Original returns of Knights' Fees, comprising the *Carte* printed in the Red Book of the Exchequer and the returns used as a material for the *Liber Feodorum*, commonly called 'Testa de Nevill,' &c.
- (2) Returns of wardships, escheats and churches in the King's hands, comprising the 'Rotulus de Dominabus' or 'Ladies' Roll' (Bundle 1, No. 2), and certain returns from Justices in Eyre used in the *Liber Feodorum*.
- (3) Returns of Serjeanties and alienations, &c., comprising returns to the inquest of 1212, used in the *Liber Feodorum*.
- (4) Returns of persons holding 20 or 40 librates of land and therefore called upon to accept knighthood.
- (5) Accounts of compositions for not accepting knighthood.

The 'Rotulus de Dominabus' above referred to was a Survey or Return made in the 31st year of Henry II of all wardships, reliefs, and other profits due to the King from the widows and orphans of his Tenants in Capite. It was printed (from a copy in the British Museum), by Stacey Grimaldi for the Society of Antiquaries (London, 1830), and from the original roll by the Pipe Roll Society (London, 1916).

### Sheriffs' Accounts, &c.

Henry III to 1820. 87 Bundles. These are the Particulars of the Accounts rendered to the Exchequer by the Sheriffs of the several counties of the issues of the manors and lands, goods and chattels, in their custody. Amongst the documents subsidiary to these Accounts are many receipts from persons who received Annuities by direction of the King out of the moneys coming to the hands of the Sheriff, for which he claimed allowance. Amongst these Accounts is a Parcel entitled 'Inquisitiones de terris Scotorum in diversis Comitatibus,' 24 Edward I.

*Descriptive List.* 1 Vol. MS.



**Solicitors, Rolls or Books of.**

1729-1730 and 1794 to 1841. 2 Vols.

**Solicitors' Certificate Book.**

1785 to 1843. 1 Vol. A book of entries of annual licences taken out by Clerks in Court and Solicitors practising in the Court of Exchequer, pursuant to Statute 25 Geo. III.

**Solicitors' Oath Roll.**

1772 to 1841. 1 Roll.

**Special Cases.**

1867 to 1893. 3 Bundles. These are Special Cases in Revenue and other Crown Causes cited for the decision of the Exchequer and, subsequently to 26 February, 1881, of the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice.

*Index.* 1867 to 1887 in the Index entitled 'Miscellaneous Records, &c.' 1 Vol. MS.

**Special Commissions of Inquiry.**

Elizabeth to Victoria. 148 Parcels. These are Commissions of Inquiry with the Returns thereto relating to CONCEALED LANDS, the POSSESSIONS OF PERSONS ATTAINED AND OF DEBTORS TO THE CROWN; ENCROACHMENTS AND INTRUSIONS; TITHES, WOODS, MARSH LANDS, SEA BANKS, MILLS; the BOUNDARIES OF PORTS, &c., &c., and abound with legal and topographical information of the highest value and interest.

The original inquisitions and returns, extending over the period from 2 to 7 Charles I, of the names of the persons fined for neglecting to appear at the Coronation of Charles I and take up the Order of Knighthood are in this class.

Immediately after the Restoration all the sales made during the Commonwealth were declared void, Special Commissioners being appointed to compound with the purchasers of such lands. The Revenue is, however, supposed to have suffered largely by concealments, and by forbearance or favour to such as had promoted the Restoration. The returns to these Commissions will be found in this class.

A *Descriptive List* of the Special Commissions and Returns in the Exchequer arranged chronologically under Counties has been issued (Lists and Indexes, No. XXXVII, 1912).

**Subsidy Rolls, &c.**

Henry III to William and Mary. 361 Boxes, &c. These are subdivided into two Series, 'Clerical' and 'Lay,' and consist of the Rolls of Accounts, Assessments, Inquisitions, Certificates, and other documents relating to the assessing and collection of the 'Tallages, Carucages, Scutages, Aids, Subsidies, Loans, Benevolences, Contributions, Reliefs, &c., granted to the King by the Clergy in Convocation, or by the Laity in Parliament, or enjoyed by him in virtue of the Royal Prerogative or ancient prescriptive right.'

**Subsidy Rolls, &c.**—(continued).

The most ancient forms of *direct* Taxation were the *Hidage* and *Carucage* assessed on such lands as were not held by Military Service, the *Tallages* paid by the King's Ancient Demesnes and by the Cities and Towns, and the *Scutages* or compositions for non-performance of military service, which, at first merely arbitrary payments, came eventually to be levied by a regular assessment at so much for every Knights' Fee. A new kind of Tax in the form of a *Tenth*, *Fifteenth*, or other part of all moveables belonging to the subject is said to have been introduced by Henry II in order to defray the expenses of an expedition to Palestine, from which circumstance the first of such Taxes has been described as the *Saladin Tithe*.

Grants to the King of Tenths and Fifteenths or other proportions were made from time to time by the Commons in Parliament, new assessments being generally made at each fresh grant, the amount raised by such taxes being thus very uncertain.

In the 8th year of Edward III it was, however, reduced to a certainty, a new valuation at the rate of a fifteenth being then made of every township, borough, and city in the kingdom, which, notwithstanding any alteration in the value of money or increase of personal property, remained for some time the fixed standard for future assessments; so that whenever the Commons granted the King a fifteenth every parish in England knew the proportion required from it.

*Poll Taxes* at the rate of so much a head on all persons above a certain age were also frequently granted by Parliament, as in the 51st year of Edward III and the 2nd and 4th years of Richard II respectively.

The term *Subsidy* has been applied generally to all the foregoing imposts, as also to the duties on Wools, Cloths, &c., which from time to time were granted to the King in aid of his expenses; the subsidy properly so called was, however, a Tax which came into use about the reign of Richard II, and was not imposed directly on property, but on persons according to the *reputed value* of their estates, at the rate of 4s. in the pound for lands and 2s. 8d. for goods, those of *Aliens* being valued at a double rate. The valuation was, however, so very moderate that an entire subsidy of this kind did not amount to more than 70,000*l*.

In addition to the Subsidies from the Laity which were granted by the Commons in Parliament, similar grants, to be assessed on ecclesiastical preferments, were made by the Clergy in Convocation, which grants had, however, to be afterwards confirmed by Parliament. A Subsidy from the Clergy was at the rate of 4s. in the pound, according to the valuations of their livings, made from time to time.

The Lay Subsidy was usually raised by Commissioners appointed by the Crown or the great officers of State; but during the Civil War between Charles I and his Parliament the latter, having no other sufficient revenue, introduced the practice of making weekly and monthly assessments of a

**Subsidy Rolls, &c.**—(continued).

specific sum on the several Counties of the kingdom, which were levied by a pound rate on lands and personal estates, and these were continued during the whole of the Commonwealth. After the Restoration the ancient method of granting Subsidies seems to have been once, and once only, renewed, namely, in 1663, when four Subsidies were granted by the Temporality and four by the Clergy. This was, in fact, the last time of raising supplies in that manner, as from that time forward periodical assessments were made in the manner of the modern Land and Assessed Taxes.

The *Hearth Tax*, a payment to the King of 2s. on every hearth 'in all houses paying to church and poor,' was first established by Statute 13 & 14 Chas. II, although a similar payment, under the name of fumage or 'smoke-farthings,' was a custom of great antiquity, mention thereof being made in Domesday Book. This tax, which was especially obnoxious on account of its inquisitorial nature, was finally abolished by Statute 1 Wm. and Mary. Six years later, however, a tax of 2s. was levied on all houses except cottages, and also a tax on all windows in such houses exceeding nine in number. The HEARTH TAX ROLLS are placed with the LAY SUBSIDY ROLLS.

The CLERICAL SUBSIDY ROLLS consist principally of the Accounts of the Collectors of the Subsidies granted by the Clergy in the several Dioceses, and give the amount assessed on each Benefice and sometimes the names of the clergy by whom it was paid. They include some of the original Rolls of the Taxation of Pope Nicholas.

As many of the LAY SUBSIDY ROLLS contain the names of the persons assessed towards the payment of each subsidy, they are extremely valuable in the compilation of pedigrees, showing at once the precise hundred and township in which the family lived at the time of the assessment, and also to a certain extent their rank and position, which may be deduced from the amounts paid. The most valuable assessments for materials of this nature are the grants of 23 Edward I and of the 1st and 6th years of Edward III, and the Poll Taxes of 51 Edward III and the 2nd and 4th years of Richard II. From the latter date to 14 Henry VIII the rolls, with few exceptions, supply no names, but from 14 Henry VIII to the reign of Charles II the lists of names are numerous and complete, especially in the HEARTH TAX ROLLS of the latter reign.

A few original Accounts relating to the collection of Scutage will be found amongst the Subsidy Rolls of the Exchequer. The Accounts of Scutage received are enrolled on the Pipe Rolls.

With the Subsidy Rolls are also placed the NONÆ ROLLS, or 'Inquisitiones Nonarum,' of 14 and 15 Edward III. These specify the value of every benefice, distinguishing how far it exceeded or fell short of the valuation of Pope Nicholas of 1291, and stating the causes of such variation in glebe, tithe, endowment, appropriation, &c., and other circumstances connected therewith. They also include lists of the Burgesses of the several Cities and Towns, with the sums at which they were assessed, and the names of those persons taxed at a fifteenth.



**Subsidy Rolls, &c.—(continued).**

These Inquisitions were taken upon oath of the parishioners in every Parish, for the purpose of assessing a Subsidy of a 9th and a 15th granted in the 14th year of Edward III. The subsidy granted was a *ninth* of the corn, wool, and lambs in each Parish, and from the Cities and Towns a *ninth* of all moveables, whilst from Foreign Merchants, those who dwelt in forests and wastes, and 'others that lived not of their gain or store,' a fifteenth only was exacted. Many of these rolls, but not all of them, have been printed by the Record Commissioners in the volume entitled *Nonarum Inquisitiones*, the introduction to which contains a full description of the manner in which the assessment was made. A detailed account of the Nonæ Rolls, distinguishing such as are not printed, is contained in the 'Inventory of Accounts, Assessments, &c.,' printed in the Second Report, App. II, pp. 132-189.

There is also amongst the Subsidy Rolls (Box 240, No. 251) a roll of 33 membranes, consisting of transcripts of the original Returns of Kirkby's Quest for Yorkshire and several other Counties which were made apparently in the 14th century.

There are also Rolls of ALIEN SUBSIDIES, which contain accounts of the Subsidies assessed on Foreigners resident in England. Of these there is a volume of *Descriptive Slips*, which refer, however, almost entirely to the returns made in the reigns of Henry VI and Edward IV consequent upon the special subsidies levied upon aliens under various Acts of Parliament. These slips are confined, moreover, to those Counties which shared the administration of their sheriff with another county, including London and Middlesex, the collection of these subsidies being made by the Sheriffs and borough authorities instead of by specially appointed collectors. The returns for the single counties are included in the ordinary series and described in the general county indexes. At a later period Aliens were included in the regular subsidy Acts, though generally assessed at special rates.\*

Accounts and Assessments relating to Loans and Benevolences will be found amongst the Subsidy Rolls.

*Descriptive Inventory.* (Clerical and Lay.) Report II, App. II, pp. 132-189; III, App. II, pp. 3-104; IV, App. II, pp. 2-29; and V, App. II, pp. 2-32.

*Descriptive Slips.* (Clerical.) 26 Vols. MS. (Vol. 26 contains the Taxations of Popes Nicholas and Boniface.)

*Descriptive Slips.* (Lay.) 71 Vols. MS. (Numbered 27 to 97. Vol. 27 contains Subsidies levied upon the Nobility and Royal Household, from Henry VIII to Chas. II; Vol. 95, 'Alien Subsidies,' from Edw. III to Jas. I (as described above), and Vols. 96 and 97, Subsidies in 'Divers Counties.')

*Descriptive List.* (Lay.) (Revised and greatly augmented.) 9 Vols. MS.

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\* Returns of Aliens dwelling in the City and Suburbs of London from the reign of Henry VIII to that of James I, extracted from the Subsidy Rolls and other sources, have been printed for the Huguenot Society in 4 large volumes, edited by R. E. G. Kirk and Ernest F. Kirk. (Huguenot Soc. Publications, Vol. X, Parts 1 to 4.)

**Summons of the Pipe, Writs of.**

Edward II to James I. 17 Bundles. These are Writs addressed to the Sheriffs of the several Counties directing them to appear and account for their farms to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer. They were issued twice in the year, and were accompanied by a roll containing a transcript from the Pipe Roll of the *charge* against the Sheriff, showing the farms, debts, arrears, &c., for which he was to answer. They are valuable only as illustrating the process of business in the Exchequer.

**Tax Accounts.**

The Land Tax as at present levied was finally established by the Statute 4 Wm. and Mary, c. 1, according to an assessment or valuation of all the estates throughout the kingdom made in the previous year. From the year 1693 to 1798 it continued to be an annual charge on the subject at rates varying from 4s. to 1s. in the pound, being made perpetual in the latter year at the rate of 4s. in the pound.

By the Act of 38 George III, by which it was made perpetual, the Land Tax was also made subject to *Redemption* or Purchase, the sums paid for such Redemption or Purchase being made applicable to the reduction of the National Debt.

Copies of the Assessments of the Land Tax for the year 1798 on each Parish and Division throughout England, the *quota* then fixed as payable by each Parish or Township remaining unchanged from that date to the present time, are preserved at the Land Tax Redemption Office. The *Parchment Duplicates* of such Assessments which, according to the Statute of 4 Wm. and Mary, were to be annually certified into the Exchequer, are amongst the Records of the King's Remembrancer's Department. These do not contain the names of the person assessed, but only the total amount paid by each Parish.

The 'Assessment Books,' giving the names, &c., of the persons paying the Tax, remained in the custody of the Land Tax Commissioners for the several Divisions, or of their Clerks. In a few instances they have been deposited by the Commissioners with the Clerk of the Peace for the County represented.

The following are the classes of records in the King's Remembrancer's Department which relate to the assessment and collection of the Land and Assessed Taxes :—

**Land and Assessed Taxes, Receivers' Accounts of.**

1689 to 1830. 76 Bundles.

**Do.** **Do.** (Drafts).

1704 to 1794. 19 Vols.

**Do.** **Do.** (Subsidiary Documents).

1689 to 1830. 1,356 Bundles. These, in addition to miscellaneous papers, certificates, &c., relating to the collection of the Land and Assessed Taxes, include the Parchment Duplicates described above.

**Do.** **Do.** (Selected Parchment Duplicates).

1798. 1 Bundle. The accounts of the year 1798 are especially valuable, as in that year the *Quota* payable by each Parish became a *fixed amount*, and remains so to the present day, the Parchment Duplicates being the absolute evidence of the amount due in each case.

**Victuallers' Recognizances.**

Elizabeth to Charles II. 153 Files. These are bonds given by victuallers that they would not kill, dress, or eat flesh during Lent, keep gaming houses, suffer unlawful games to be played in their houses, or harbour rogues and vagabonds, and that they would generally observe the regulations relating to the keeping of alehouses and retailing of food and drink. They have been arranged topographically and listed.

**Vintners' Fines.**

Elizabeth. 2 Bundles. These are indentures made between the patentee of the Crown and the keepers of taverns or sellers of wine for compositions for offences committed against the Statute of 7 Edw. VI regarding the retailing of wines. There are a few informations of such offences and other documents relative thereto.

**Wey Navigation Claims.**

1671. 1 Bundle. Claims of persons interested in the navigation of the River Wey, made pursuant to a Statute of 23 Charles II.

**Writs.**

Henry III to Victoria. 310 Bundles. The great bulk of this class consists of writs of *distringas*, but the files also contain a large number of extents and inquisitions of a miscellaneous character; no clear distinction appears to have been drawn between the files of writs and the files of inquisitions, and the word *Brevia* is often omitted from the endorsement.

From 15 Edward III the files are divided into two parts, *Pars Borealis* and *Pars Australis*, the former consisting of the following counties:—York, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Lancaster, Hereford, Salop, Nottingham, Derby, Lincoln, Northampton, Rutland, Warwick, Leicester, Bedford, and Buckingham. Later this division is superseded by a classification into *Pars Prima* and *Pars Secunda*.

**Writs and Posteas.**

1851 to 1902. 15 Bundles. These include Writs of Execution and other writs in revenue proceedings.

*Index.* 2 Vols. MS.

**Writs, Entry Books of.**

1725 to 1842. 14 Vols. Brief entries of the writs issued in each term.



## RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER— THE LORD TREASURER'S REMEMBRANCER.

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It has already been shown that upon the differentiation of the offices of the two Remembrancers of the Exchequer the Lord Treasurer's became more particularly concerned with the collection of the fixed revenue of the Crown.

Among the duties assigned to the Treasurer's Remembrancer by the Ordinances of 1323 are the following :—To write yearly the proffers of the sheriffs and others and to make remembrance of the days appointed for them to account ; to make remembrance of attorneys suing or defending before the Barons, of the orders, which he was to put in execution, made by the Barons upon the accounts of sheriffs and others, of the final state of everyone who should account at the Exchequer and of all farms unpaid at the close of every account ; to retain in his custody the Originalia rolls and the estreats of all fines imposed by the various justices, for the levying of which he was to issue writs to the respective sheriffs concerned.

The Treasurer's Remembrancer was thus concerned with the final stages of the accounts and exacted the 'remanets' of such accounts as had been enrolled as well as reserved rents and fixed revenue. His functions brought him into close connexion with the Pipe Office, the records of which are now classified with those of his department.\* The principal officers of the Pipe Office were :—

THE CLERK OF THE PIPE, who engrossed the Great Roll and issued the *Quietus est* whereby accountants were finally discharged at the Exchequer.

THE CONTROLLER OF THE PIPE, who kept the counter-roll of the Pipe known as the Chancellor's Roll, and sent out the summonses to the sheriffs to levy the undischarged rents, farms and debts in the Pipe. His office derived its statutory authority from the Act 37 Edw. III, c. 4, but its existence can be traced to the Chancellor's scribe of the 12th century.

THE CLERK OF THE ESTREATS, who received the estreats from the office of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer and copied them out on the Estreat Rolls.

THE FOREIGN APPOSER, who opposed or made a charge on all sheriffs, &c., of their green wax (*i.e.*, of the fines, issues, amercements, recognizances, &c., certified in estreats annexed to the writ under the seal of green wax), and delivered the same to the Clerk of the Estreats to be put in process.

THE CLERK OF THE NICHILS, who made a separate roll of such sums as the sheriff upon process returned 'Nichil,' &c.

The business of the offices of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer and the Pipe was in early times very considerable, but the diminution of the ancient hereditary revenues of the Crown, combined with the new methods of accounting at the Exchequer in the 16th century which have been previously described here, reduced both these offices to a state of comparative unimportance.

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\* *Encyclopædia Britannica*, 11th ed., art. 'Exchequer.'

The Statute 3 & 4 Will. IV, c. 99 (1833), finally abolished the offices of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer with the Filazer, Secondaries, Deputy Remembrancer, Sworn and other Clerks and Bagbearer; of the Clerk of the Pipe, Deputy Clerk of the Pipe, Controller and Deputy Controller of the Pipe, Secondaries, Attorneys or Sworn and other Clerks in the Office of the Pipe; of the Clerk of the Estreats; of the Surveyor of Green Wax; of the Foreign Apposer and Deputy Foreign Apposer; and of the Clerk of the Nichils. Under the same statute the accounts of sheriffs were to be audited by the Commissioners for auditing Public Accounts, all quit rents and viscontiel rents arising out of the Crown lands were to be collected in future by the Commissioners of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, and accounts of estreated fines were to be transmitted to the Treasury and the said Commissioners of Audit by the King's Remembrancer, by whom, subject to the rules and orders of the Court of Exchequer, all such duties as remained of the abolished offices were to be performed.

### Accounts, Declared.

(*Pipe Office Series.*) 1500 to 1810. 3,617 Rolls. The practice of declaring Accounts before the Lord High Treasurer of England, or before the Chancellor of the Exchequer and two or more of the other Commissioners of the Treasury, was directly connected with the addition to the establishment of the Exchequer by Elizabeth's letters patent of 19 Jan., 1559-60, of two Auditors of the Prests.\* At an earlier date all accounts were rendered at the King's Remembrancer's Office of the Exchequer, amongst the Records of which Department large collections of Original Accounts and 'Particulars of Accounts' will be found, extending in date from about the reign of John to that of George III.

As early as the reign of Henry VII the practice of withdrawing certain classes of account from the ordinary routine of the Exchequer and adopting more direct methods of account had been in vogue and some of these accounts will now be found amongst the Declared Accounts of the Pipe Office.

The new system was a return to the practice of the Court of Augmentations which was dissolved by Mary's letters patent of 23 Jan., 1553-4. The abolition of this Court brought a great increase of business to the Exchequer and led to important developments in the procedure of the latter, of which the addition of the two Auditors of the Prests was one.

The steps by which the new system of declaring accounts as it was ultimately established was brought about were gradual, and resulted from the efforts of the older established officers of the Exchequer to bring the system more into accordance with the 'ancient course' of that Court, whereby it was required that all accounts should be passed through the offices of the two Remembrancers and finally enrolled in the Pipe Office. In 1597 the rolls of the accounts engrossed by the Auditors of the Prests were ordered to be delivered into the Court of Exchequer

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\* See the article entitled 'Notes on the Origin of the Declared Account,' by Mrs. Eric George, in the *English Historical Review*, XXXI, pp. 41 sqq. (Jan., 1913).

**Accounts, Declared—**(continued).

to be preserved in the Pipe Office. But it was not until the treasurership (1636–1641) of Bishop Juxon that an Exchequer order was drawn up requiring all accounts of the great accountants to be entered with the King's Remembrancer.

The system of declaring Accounts when fully established was as follows :—Two copies of each Account were prepared in the Audit Office, the one written on paper and the other on parchment. Both were sent to the Treasury to be declared, where they were registered in volumes known as 'Declared Accounts' and 'Auditors' States of Accounts.' The copy on paper, having been duly signed by the Auditor or Auditors, and by the Lord High Treasurer, Chancellor of the Exchequer, or Commissioners of the Treasury, before whom it was declared, was then returned to the Audit Office, and that on parchment, signed in like manner, to the King's Remembrancer's Office, where a 'State' or abstract of it was enrolled, and thence to the office of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, where another abstract of it was entered on the Memoranda Rolls under the heading 'States and Views of Public Accounts.'

Finally, it was forwarded to the Clerk of the Pipe, who until that office was abolished by Statute 3 and 4 William IV, enrolled an abridgment of it amongst the 'Foreign Accounts' and retained the original.

An Inventory of the 'Declared Accounts' both of the Audit Office and the Pipe Office has been printed (Lists and Indexes, No. II, 1893). Those in the Pipe Office series of a later date than 1714, of which duplicates existed in the Audit Office series, were transferred to the Bodleian Library under Rules made in pursuance of the Record Act of 1877.

The following are some of the principal classes of accounts in the series of Declared Accounts.

**AMBASSADORS, &c.** Accounts of the expenses of Ambassadors and Envoys. 1545 to 1706.

**ANNUITIES.** Accounts of Paymasters, the Commissioners for the reduction of the National Debt and others. These include Annuities payable upon Lottery Orders, South Sea Company Annuities, &c., from 1706.

**ARMY ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of Paymasters and Treasurers of the Forces, Contractors, Purveyors, &c., from 1511.

**ATTAINERS, FORFEITURES, &c.** Accounts of Commissioners, Receivers, &c., including also the revenues from Recusants. 1557 to 1684.

**BUTLERAGE ACCOUNTS.** 1500 to 1673.

**CHAMBER ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of the Treasurers of the Chamber from 1557.

**COMMISSARIAT.** Accounts of Commissaries General, &c., at home and abroad from 1544.

**CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of Farmers, Commissioners and Collectors, &c., from 1534.



**Accounts, Declared**—(continued).

**EXCISE ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of the Commissioners and Governors from 1647.

**FEE-FARM RENTS.** Lists of the Rents payable in many Counties during the reign of Charles II.

**FIRST FRUITS AND TENTHS OF THE CLERGY.** Accounts of the Remembrancer and Receiver, &c., from 1571.

**GOVERNORS AND AGENTS OF COLONIES, &c.,** from 1590.

**HANAPER ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of the Keepers or Clerks of the Hanaper from 1550.

**HOSPITALS.** Accounts of the Paymaster, &c., of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and of the accounting offices of various military and other hospitals and infirmaries in England and abroad from 1652.

**MASTER OF THE HORSE, ACCOUNTS OF.** From 1638.

**MINT ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of the Wardens, the Masters and Workers, &c., of the Mint, of purchases and sales of tin in Cornwall and Devon, &c. From 1536.

**NAVY ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of Treasurers of the Navy, of Surveyors General of Victuals, of Collectors of Prize Goods, Paymasters of Marines, &c. From 1544.

**ORDNANCE ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of Masters, Lieutenants, Treasurers, &c., of the Ordnance. From 1546.

**POST OFFICE ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of Masters and Controllers, Receivers General, &c., of the Post Office, from 1566.

**SALT DUTIES.** Accounts of Commissioners and Governors of the Duties on Salt. From 1694.

**STAMP DUTIES.** Accounts of Receivers General, Controllers and others. From 1694.

**TOWER OF LONDON.** Accounts of the Lieutenant, the Master of the Armoury, &c. 1551–1670.

**TREASURY SOLICITORS.** Accounts from 1656.

**WARDROBE AND HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS.** Accounts of the Master and Keeper of the Great Wardrobe from 1553. There are also some special accounts of royal funerals, coronations, &c., and accounts of the Cofferer of the Household (from 1543), the Master of the Revels, the Master of the Robes, the Master of Tents, Halls and Pavilions, &c.

**WINE LICENCES, ACCOUNTS OF.** 1566 to 1756.

**WORKS AND BUILDINGS.** Accounts of Surveyors and Paymasters of Works, &c. (from 1538), miscellaneous accounts of Works and Buildings (from 1529) and accounts of Military Works and Fortifications (from 1542).

**Accounts, Enrolled.**

These consist of those 'Foreign' Accounts rendered at the Exchequer which on account of their volume or special character were made up into separate rolls on their final audit. For a description of the Exchequer system to which they belong see below under **Foreign Accounts** and **Pipe Rolls**

**Accounts, Enrolled—**(continued).

The following are the separate Enrolled Accounts which have been classified under subjects. Except where otherwise stated they have not been included in the List of Foreign Accounts enrolled on the Great Rolls of the Exchequer (Lists and Indexes, No. XI, 1900), as they have been considered to be sufficiently accessible by the method of classification and by the lists of the original Accounts which are preserved amongst the records of the King's Remembrancer.

**Customs Accounts.**

Edward I to Elizabeth. 30 Rolls.

**Escheators' Accounts.**

17 Edward II to 21 James I. 161 Rolls.

*Repertories.* 1 to 16 Edward II and 1 to 23 Henry VI. 2 Rolls. Prior to 17 Edward II the Enrolments of Escheators' Accounts appear on the Pipe Rolls and Chancellors' Rolls respectively. An Inventory of all the Enrolments of Escheators' Accounts from Henry III to Richard III inclusive is included in the above mentioned printed List of Foreign Accounts. *See also* Misc. Books (*Exchequer K.R.*), Vol. 48.

**Accounts of Subsidies, Aids, &c.**

Edward I to Charles I. 74 Rolls. The nature of these Accounts is described in this work under the title **Subsidy Rolls** in the section devoted to the records of the King's Remembrancer.

**Tax Accounts.**

1660 to 1822. 207 Rolls. Subsequent to the reign of Charles II these are the only Foreign Accounts enrolled in the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Department. A complete series of these Accounts exists amongst the Declared Accounts.

**Wardrobe and Household Accounts.**

42 Henry III to 1 Edward VI. 10 Rolls, as follows :—

- No. 1. Accounts of the Clerk of the Wardrobe. 42 to 45 Henry III.
- No. 2. Accounts of the Keepers of the King's Wardrobe. 9 Edw. II to 22 Edw. III.
- No. 3. Accounts of the Clerks and Purveyors of the Great Wardrobe. 17 Edw. II to 25 Edw. III.
- No. 4. Accounts of the Keeper of the Wardrobe. 24 Edw. III to 9 Ric. II.
- No. 5. Accounts of the Keeper of the Great Wardrobe. 48 Edw. III to 1 Hen. IV.
- No. 6. Accounts of the Keeper of the Great Wardrobe. 6 Hen. IV to 2 Edw. IV.
- No. 7. Accounts of the Keeper of the Great Wardrobe. Hen. IV to Edw. IV (much decayed).
- No. 8. Accounts of the Keeper of the Great Wardrobe. 1 Hen. VII to 1 Edw. VI.
- No. 9. Duplicate Accounts. Edw. II and Edw. III.
- No. 10. Duplicate Accounts. Edw. III.

Accounts of the Wardrobe and Household are also enrolled with other 'Foreign Accounts,' on the Pipe

**Accounts, Enrolled—(continued).****Wardrobe and Household Accounts—(continued).**

Rolls and Chancellor's Rolls. All those enrolled prior to the reign of Henry VII are included in the printed list of Foreign Accounts.

**Miscellaneous Accounts.**

22 Rolls, as follows:—

No. 1. PURVEYANCE ACCOUNTS. Edward III.

No. 2. Do. Do.

No. 3. Do. Do.

No. 4. Do. Do.

No. 5. Do. Do.

No. 6. AGINCOURT ACCOUNTS. Henry V.

This is a special roll devoted to the expenses of the Agincourt Expedition, showing the amounts received by the several military leaders and expended by them in wages, and containing also a description of the various royal jewels received by them as pledges for the due payment of the amounts for which they respectively agreed to serve.

No. 7. ACCOUNTS OF SEIZURES OF FOREIGN MONEY. Edward II—Edward III.

No. 8. ULRAGE ACCOUNTS. Richard II.

No. 9. Do. Richard II—Henry VII.

No. 10. ACCOUNTS RELATING TO WOOL. Edward III.

No. 11. Do. Do.

No. 12. ACCOUNTS OF ANNUITIES. Henry IV.

No. 13. ACCOUNTS OF THE POSSESSIONS OF W. DE LANGETON. Edward II.

No. 14. ACCOUNTS OF THE CONTRARIANTS' LANDS. Edward II.

No. 15. Do. Do.

No. 16. Do. Do.

The original accounts of the Contrariants' Lands are included in the List of Ministers' Accounts, Part I (Lists and Indexes, No. V, 1894).

No. 17. ACCOUNTS OF THE QUEENS' LANDS. Edward II—Henry IV.

These contain Enrolments of Accounts relating to the lands and possessions of Philippa, Anne and Joan, Queens of England. A brief summary of the Accounts only is given, but the original accounts from which the enrolments were made will be found included in the above mentioned List of Ministers' Accounts.

No. 18. ACCOUNTS OF THE TEMPLARS' LANDS. Edward II.

No. 19. Do. Do.

No. 20. Do. Do.

Three large Rolls containing enrolments of the Accounts of the possessions of the Knights Templars in various counties, which were seized into the King's hands on the expulsion of that Order.

*Repertory.* 1 Roll. The original Accounts are described in the List of Ministers' Accounts.

No. 21. ACCOUNTS OF CONTRARIANTS' AND TEMPLARS' LANDS. Duplicate membranes (imperfect).

No. 22. ACCOUNT OF THE TREASURER OF THE COURT OF AUGMENTATIONS.  
5 Edw. VI to 1 Mary.

**Chancellor's Rolls.**

9 Henry II to 2 William IV. 615 Rolls. These were counter-rolls or duplicates of the Pipe Rolls made annually by the Controller of the Pipe who was anciently styled the 'Clericus Cancellarii,' or Clerk of the Chancellor, as the Clerk of the Pipe was in like manner styled the Clerk of the Treasurer. They served as a check upon the Pipe Roll, and from them the Controller of the Pipe twice in the year made out the process called the 'Summons of the Pipe.' The series is very imperfect. The Chancellor's Roll of 3 John has been printed by the Record Commission.



### Commissions for Oaths.

Charles II to Anne. 1 Box. Commissions to take the Oaths of Sheriffs.

### Deeds, Ancient, Series P and PP.

A small collection of Deeds from the Pipe Office, mostly of the sixteenth century.

### Estreats, Rolls of.

Edward VI to William IV. 169 Bundles. These are of the same character as the Estreats described amongst the records of the King's Remembrancer. They are arranged chronologically.

### Exannual Rolls.

Edw. I to Geo. III. 15 Rolls. By the Statute commonly called the Statute of Rutland, 12 Edw. I, it was ordained that the *Corpus Comitatus*, instead of being written afresh every year in the Great Roll of the Pipe, should be written in a separate roll so as to avoid the repetition of the *Terræ datæ* in the Sheriffs' Accounts, which thereafter began with the words 'Corpus hujus comitatus annotatur in Rotulo, &c.,' and then proceeded to the *Remanens firmæ post terras datas*. A roll entitled 'De Corporibus Comitatum,' of the 12th year of Edward I, is placed with the regular series of Pipe Rolls of that date. At the same time it was directed that the matters which could not be collected, which were called *Dead Farms* and *Desperate Debts*, should not be repeated year by year on the Pipe Roll to the great burden of the officers of the Exchequer, but should be made up into a separate roll to be read yearly to the Sheriffs on passing their accounts, in order to see if any of them could be collected.

Some of these *Desperate Debts* are entered on the roll above referred to, called 'de Corporibus Comitatum,' the remainder forming a distinct series called Exannual Rolls.

### Foreign Accounts, Rolls of.

42 Edw. III to Chas. II. 129 Rolls, including a roll entitled 'Rotulus de diversis Computis,' belonging to the reigns of John and Henry III.

The 'Foreign Accounts' rendered to the Exchequer, that is to say, such Accounts as did not come within the ordinary jurisdiction of the Sheriffs, as the Accounts of the King's Wardrobe, the Accounts of the several Escheatrics, and of Aids, Customs and Subsidies, and the Accounts of such Castles, Honors, Manors, Towns, Hundreds, and other of the King's possessions as had not been committed to the Sheriffs to farm, but to custody only, were enrolled at first on the Great Roll of the Exchequer or Pipe Roll and also on the Chancellor's Roll year by year. From about the 6th year of Henry III to the 16th of Edward II the membranes containing these accounts are placed at the end of the Pipe Roll in each year and are referred to in the rolls themselves as the 'Rotulus Compotorum.' As

**Foreign Accounts, Rolls of—**(continued).

the business of the Exchequer increased, however, this method of enrolment was found to be inconvenient and cumbrous, and by Ordinances of the Exchequer made in the 16th, 17th and 19th years of Edward II (Red Book, Vol. III, p. 860), the 'pipes' or membranes of the Sheriffs' Accounts and those of the Foreign Accounts were directed to be made into separate rolls. This practice appears, however, with regard to the more voluminous classes of Accounts, to have been already inaugurated at an earlier date.

Thus we find a separate Roll of Wardrobe and Household Accounts extending from 42 to 45 Henry III, and similar Rolls of Aids, Customs, and Subsidies from the reign of Edward I.

There is also an earlier Roll of Foreign Accounts of the reign of Henry III, consisting apparently of the detached foreign membranes of the first five years of that reign, which is referred to in the ancient Repertories as the '*Rotulus de diversis Computis*.'

The separate enrolment of Wardrobe and Household Accounts, however, appears to have been systematically instituted in the 9th year of Edward II, and that of the Escheators' Accounts in the 17th year of the same reign.

For other Accounts which were enrolled on separate rolls *see above, Accounts, Enrolled.*

Notwithstanding the Ordinances of 16–19 Edward II, great numbers of Foreign Accounts continued to be enrolled on the Pipe Rolls until the 42nd year of Edward III, when a regular Series of Foreign Accounts was formed extending from that date to the reign of Charles II.

The FOREIGN ACCOUNTS, prior to the reign of Henry the Seventh, consist of 118 rolls, there being one roll dated Henry III and one for each year from 42 Edw. III to 2 Ric. III inclusive. The later rolls (numbered 119 to 129) cover the period from Henry VII to Charles II. Subsequent to the latter reign, the Foreign Accounts consist of enrolments of Tax Accounts only, a complete series of which exists amongst the Declared Accounts, and the enrolments are consequently of little or no value.

*Repertories.* Hen. III to Hen. VI.

An Inventory of the Foreign Accounts from Henry III to Richard III inclusive, whether enrolled on the Pipe Rolls, the Chancellor's Rolls, or the Rolls of Foreign Accounts, has been issued in the Series of '*Lists and Indexes*' (No. VI, 1900). The following is the list of subjects embraced by this Inventory; for other Foreign Accounts not here included *see above, Accounts, Enrolled.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTS.**

Army, Navy and Ordnance.

Butlerage.

Channel Islands.

Council, Expenses of the.

*Equitium Regis.*

Foreign Merchants.

Forests.

**Foreign Accounts, Rolls of—**(continued).

Forfeited Goods.  
France.  
Hanaper.  
Ireland.  
Jews.  
Marshalsea.  
Mines.  
Mint and Coinage.  
*Nuncii*.  
Sheriffs' Administrative Accounts.  
Ulnage.  
Universities.  
Wardrobe and Household.  
Wool.  
Works.  
Unclassified.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS.

Issues of Lands.  
Issues of Courts.

SHERIFFS' SEIZURES.

ESCHEATORS' ACCOUNTS.

**Leases, Crown.**

The manors and lands belonging to the Crown were in ancient times 'let to farm' by the King's High or Chief Justiciar or by the Justices Itinerant, the duty afterwards devolving on the Treasurer of the Exchequer.

When, however, particular lands were withdrawn from the control of the Exchequer and placed under the direct supervision of persons thereto appointed, the power of granting leases was vested in the hands of such officers; thus by Statute 6 Henry VIII the King's 'General Surveyors' were empowered to let the Crown Lands under their control for 21 years, their 'Bills of Lease' being sufficient warrant to the Lord Chancellor for the preparation of the Letters Patent; and on the erection of the Courts of the *General Surveyors* and of the *Augmentations of the Revenues of the Crown*, the power of granting leases under its own Seal was vested in each of the said Courts.

The two Courts above mentioned were dissolved by Letters Patent of the 38th year of Henry VIII and embodied into a new *Court of Augmentations* endowed with similar powers, which in its turn was dissolved by Letters Patent of 1 Mary, all Warrants for Leases being thenceforward directed to be passed by the *Lord Treasurer*, and the Leases, if the yearly rents of the land exceeded 40s. a year, to pass under the *Great Seal of England*, and if the rents did not exceed that value, under the *Seal of the Court of Exchequer*.

By the same Letters Patent the Enrolments and Counterparts of the Leases of the late Court of Augmentations were directed to be in the charge of the *Clerk of the Pipe*.



**Leases, Crown—(continued).**

The more modern method of obtaining a Crown Lease was as follows :—

A petition or memorial for a lease was preferred to the Treasury, which was referred to the Surveyor-General of Crown Lands to be reported on. A *Warrant* was thereupon issued to the Surveyor-General to make a *Constat*, or to obtain from the Auditor a *Particular* of the Premises as described in former Leases. The *Constat* or *Particular* was then rated by the Surveyor-General, which *rate* contained a specification of the term of years, and of the reserved rent and fine, with the covenants and provisoes; the *Constat*, *Particular* and *Rate* being sent to the Treasury.

A warrant was then issued from the Treasury to the *Clerk of the Pipe* to prepare the lease to be passed under the Seal of the Court of Exchequer, a copy of the Draft of the Lease, which was called the *Transcript*, being transmitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and, after receiving his signature and that of the Lords of the Treasury, returned to the Pipe Office.

The Lease was then engrossed, signed by the Clerk of the Pipe, and transmitted to the Chancellor to receive the Exchequer Seal, after which it was enrolled in the Office of the Auditor. (See **Enrolment Books of LAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.**)

Since the Statute 1 and 2 George IV, cap. 52, Crown Leases have been granted by the *Commissioners of Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues*, by sufficient Warrant from the Treasury, both the Great Seal and the Exchequer Seal being dispensed with.

The following two classes amongst the records of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Department relate to Crown Leases :—

**Leases, &c., Enrolments of.**

Elizabeth to George III. 4 Rolls, as follows :—

- No. 1. Leases of 32 and 33 Elizabeth.
- No. 2. Leases of 1657 and 1658. An *Index nominum* made in the year 1665 is prefixed to this roll.
- No. 3. 1657 to 25 Chas. II.
- No. 4. Chas. II to Geo. III.

Nos. 3 and 4 consist, in addition to Leases, of enrolments of Grants of Exchequer Offices, of farms of the Green Wax, Post Fines, &c., of Charters of Incorporation of several Companies of the City of London and a variety of matters of a similar nature.

**Leases, Particulars and Warrants for.**

Elizabeth to George IV. 28 Portfolios and 80 Parcels. The 28 Portfolios consist of both Warrants and Particulars for Leases, including also Particulars for the sale of the Fee-Farm Rents in several counties during the Commonwealth.

The remaining 80 Parcels consist of Particulars only from 1695 to 1803.

*Chronological List.* 1 Vol. MS. This refers to the contents of the above 28 Portfolios only.

**Leases, Crown—(continued).**

**Leases, Particulars and Warrants for—(continued).**

In addition to the above see also below **Miscellaneous Books** for ENTRY BOOKS OF LEASES from 1750 to 1812. There is also a small series of ABSTRACTS AND INDEXES OF LEASES, of which the first 12 volumes extending from Elizabeth to George III contain Abstracts of the Crown Leases which passed the Great Seal and are enrolled on the Originalia Rolls and also of those which passed the Exchequer Seal, the Warrants and Particulars for which are preserved amongst the Records of the Pipe Office.

**Memoranda Rolls.**

2 Henry III to 5 William IV. 797 Rolls. The origin and early nature of the Memoranda Rolls of the Exchequer have been already described in this work in connexion with those of the King's Remembrancer's Department, where also some account has been given of the distinct functions of the two Remembrancers as shown in their respective Memoranda Rolls after their definite differentiation by the Exchequer ordinance of 1323. In general it may be said that the Memoranda Rolls of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer contain the enrolments of the Coming of Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Escheators, &c., to the Exchequer to make their Proffers and to render their Accounts—of Recognizances or acknowledgments of debt to the King and others—of Commissions and Letters Patent—of the 'Communia' or Common Matters or business of the Court in each Term, such as Pleadings and Judgments on Writs of *quo titulo clamat*, and *quare maneria*, &c., in *manibus Regis seisiri non debent*—of Claims of Liberties, Franchises, and Privileges by Cities, Boroughs and Towns, &c.—of Pleadings respecting the Fines, Issues and Amercements contained in the Rolls of Estreats returned into the Exchequer from the Courts at Westminster and other jurisdictions—of Proceedings relating to the Accounts of Sheriffs, Escheators, and Bailiffs, and of a variety of matters relating to the charge and discharge of the King's Debtors and Accountants—of States and Views of the Accounts of Sheriffs and other Accountants—of the Presentations and Admissions of Officers of the Court—of Bails or 'Manucaptions'—of Fines for Homage or Reliefs—of the 'Precepta' or Orders of the Court made with respect to the Accounts of Sheriffs and others—and of the Writs and Process of various kinds issuing from the Lord Treasurer's Department.

They also contain the Enrolments of such Deeds and Instruments as were acknowledged before one of the Barons of the Exchequer and enrolled for safe custody.

*Repertories (General).* 1 Edward III to 1653.

*Repertories to 'Fines for Reliefs.'* Edw. I to Edw. III.

*Repertories to 'Precepta.'* 1 Edw. III to 1 Jas. I.

*Repertories to 'States and Views of Accounts.'* 1 Edw. III to 14 Jas. I.

*Indexes called 'Agenda Books.'* 2 James I to 4 Will. IV.

**Memoranda Rolls**—(continued).

*Abstracts from the Memoranda Rolls.* 8 Hen. III to 26 Edw. I.  
4 Vols.

'*Tayleure's Index*' to the *Memoranda and Originalia Rolls*.  
1 Vol. MS. arranged alphabetically under places. (The refer-  
ences are incorporated in *Jones's Index*.)

'*Jones's Index*' to the *Memoranda and Originalia Rolls*.  
Printed in 2 Vols. folio.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

Charles I to William IV. 129 Vols., as follows :—

STATES AND VIEWS OF ACCOUNTS. 21 Chas. I to 6 Geo. IV.  
With the exception of Vol. I which contains States of Sheriffs'  
Accounts from 21 Chas. I to 24 Chas. II, these contain brief  
entries or States of the Accounts of Receivers General from  
2 Jas. II onwards. (*Vols. 1 to 51.*)

ACCOUNT BOOKS :—

Clerk of the Pipe. 1711 to 1765. (*Vols. 52 and 53.*)

Controller of the Pipe. 1697 to 1730. (*Vol. 54.*)

Foreign Apposer. 1691 to 1793. (*Vols. 55 to 59.*)

Miscellaneous. 1603 to 1775. (*Vols. 60 to 63.*)

BOARDS END BOOKS. 1681 to 1833. These are entries made by  
the Clerk of the Pipe of Treasury warrants and of certificates  
made by the said Clerk to the Treasury Board. (*Vols. 64 to 81.*)

ENTRY BOOKS OF LEASES. 1750 to 1812. (*Vols. 82 to 92.*)

MINUTE BOOKS OF ORDERS. 3 Jas. II to 3 Will. IV. These  
books contain Minutes of Orders on the Lord Treasurer's  
Remembrancer's side of the Exchequer entered Term by Term  
and also of the Admissions of Officers of that court. (*Vols. 93  
to 98.*)

ENTRY BOOKS OF ORDERS. 35 Chas. II to 3 & 4 Will. IV.  
(*Vols. 99 to 116.*)

PRECEDENTS, FORMS, AND FEES. These include a treatise on  
Tallies written about the year 1670. (*Vols. 117 to 120.*)

MISCELLANEA. 9 Vols., as follows :—

Vol. 121. Certificates and accounts of payments for Fee-Farm  
Rents, 1650 to 1652.

Vol. 122. Orders for repayment of Loans, 1685 to 1686, and  
Accounts of Duties, Fees, &c., 1690 to 1738.

Vol. 123. *Nomina Villarum*, Chas II. to Geo. III. Five  
volumes containing Certificates made to the Barons  
of the Exchequer by the Bailiffs of Liberties in  
various Counties of the names of the Towns, Hamlets,  
&c., within their respective Liberties with relation  
to the claims by the Lords thereof to Estreats,  
Felons' Goods, &c.

Vol. 124. Controller's Copies of Orders. 21 Chas. II to  
6 Geo. III.

Vol. 125. Warrants for payments to Sheriffs, 1718 to 1728,  
and Accounts of the Tax on Papists, 1724 to 1728.



**Miscellaneous Books**—(continued).

- Vol. 126. Entries of Grants of Bailiwicks and other Offices, 12 Chas. II to 7 Will. III.
- Vol. 127. Accounts of Castle Guard rents, Dover, Chas. II and Jas. II.
- Vol. 128. 'Feodary of Kent.' A volume compiled about the reign of Henry VIII containing particulars respecting the tenure of Manors and Knights' Fees in the County of Kent, arranged under Hundreds.
- Vol. 129. Account book of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, 1696 to 1724.

**Miscellaneous Rolls.**

Henry II to 1840. 143 Bundles. These include, besides various accounts, memoranda and other documents subsidiary to the Pipe and other enrolled accounts of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Office, the following :—

**RECEIPT ROLL.** Mich., 31 Hen. II. (*Bundle 1, Nos. 1 and 2.*)

This is the earliest extant Exchequer Receipt Roll. It is in two parts. In one of these the receipts are arranged in the manner of the earlier Receipt Rolls in the Exchequer of Receipt under the counties. This part is very incomplete and contains only the receipts from Northampton, Surrey, Cornwall, Bucks, Bedford, Sussex, Berks, Oxford, London and Middlesex, and from the pannage of the forests. The other part consists of the receipts from Honours and Escheats, Churches (including the bishoprics and religious houses) and from the Jews. The whole roll has been reproduced in facsimile with a printed transcript by the London School of Economics in *Studies in Economic and Political Science* (London, 1899).

**ROLLS OF SERJEANTIES.** 35 Hen. III. (*Bundle 1, Nos. 11 and 12.*)

Two large rolls containing the Returns of all the Serjeanties throughout England made by Robert Passelewe, the deputy treasurer, which resulted in the great arrentation of 1250. The rolls contain Passelewe's annotations stating whether the Serjeanties were rented or alienated, wholly or in part, with the names of tenants and the rent paid by them, &c. The substance of the returns is printed in the *Testa de Nevill*.

**'NOMINA VILLARUM.'** 9 Edw. II. (*Bundle 2, Nos. 1 to 9.*)

The documents known as 'Nomina Villarum' consist of the returns to Writs issued in the ninth year of Edward II to all the Sheriffs throughout England, directing them to certify to the Exchequer the number of Hundreds and Wapentakes within their respective Bailiwicks, what Cities, Boroughs and Townships there were within each of such Hundreds or Wapentakes, and who were the Lords thereof. These were required in relation to the Military Levies granted in the Parliament at Lincoln in 9 Edward II, when it was directed that one man-at-arms should be raised from every Township. The original Returns were made on rolls, of which the few now included in this series are all that are still extant.

**Miscellaneous Rolls**—(continued).

In the first year of Henry VII it was noticed that these rolls or Returns, being in almost daily use, had become so blind and frayed that they could scarcely be read or understood, and it was therefore ordered that they should be forthwith transcribed in a book to remain for ever in the Exchequer. This was done accordingly, as appears by the Memoranda Roll of Hilary, 1 Henry VII, but the volume thus framed has long since disappeared. A later Transcript of this volume, in the handwriting of Sir Henry Ellis, is, however, preserved amongst the Series of Transcripts made for the Record Commission, and other copies, more or less imperfect, exist amongst the Harleian MSS, and elsewhere.

These Transcripts, together with some of the original Returns, have been used in the compilation of the Returns printed in Palgrave's *Parliamentary Writs*, &c., Vol. II, Div. 3, pp. 297-416.

The original Rolls of Nomina Villarum hitherto found are nine in number, representing the Counties of Beds and Bucks, Devon, Lincoln, Middlesex, Notts and Derby, Salop and Stafford, Southampton, Surrey, and Warwick and Leicester respectively.

ROLLS OF THE NAMES OF SHERIFFS, BAILIFFS, AND OTHER ACCOUNTANTS AT THE EXCHEQUER. 11 and 31 Henry VIII. (*Bundle 2, Nos. 13 and 14.*)

ABSTRACTS, &c., OF DEEDS ENROLLED WITH THE CLERKS OF THE PEACE. 13 to 18 Eliz. Four Rolls (*Bundle 2, Nos. 15, 24, 25 and 27*) containing abstracts, memoranda, &c., of the Deeds enrolled in divers counties.

CLAIMS OF LIBERTIES. Two Rolls (*Bundle 2, Nos. 16 and 17*) containing respectively the claims made by the City of London in 18 Chas. II and those of the town of Yarmouth in 1 Jas. II.

'ROTULUS PULLORUM.' One large Roll (*Bundle 2, No. 20*) of 'offshoots' from the Pipe Roll or extracts of outstanding debts made from certain of the rolls of the reign of Henry III and of the first part of that of Edward I apparently with the object of avoiding their repetition year after year in the rolls. Debts so extracted from the Pipe Roll are noted in that roll as being respited to the 'Rotulus Pullorum,' and the latter is therefore very similar in nature to the **Exannual Roll** (*q.v.*) which was directed to be kept by the Statute of Rutland of 12 Edw. I.

ROLLS OF OUTLAWS. 20 Rich. II to 3 Hen. V. (*Bundle 3, Nos. 1 to 23.*)

SHERIFFS' ACCOUNTS OF FINES, &c. Hen. III to Hen. VIII. (*Bundles 5 and 6.*) Arranged in counties.

SHERIFFS' RETURNS OF ILLEVIABLE DEBTS. Edw. II to Eliz. (*Bundle 7.*) Arranged in counties; mostly of the reign of Edw. III.

ACCOUNTS, &c., OF SHERIFFS AND OTHERS. Hen. III to Will. IV. (*Bundles 8 to 59.*) These are for the most part of a subsidiary nature and consist of Particulars, Declarations, &c., and Assizes Vouchers relating to payments for hanging, whipping, the pillory, and other punishments and expenses of prisoners.

**Miscellaneous Rolls**—(continued).

PETITIONS FOR ALLOWANCE. Rich. II to Geo. IV. (*Bundles 75 to 100.*) Petitions of Sheriffs, Escheators, Bailiffs and others for allowance on their accounts.

PRESENTATION ROLL OF MAYORS AND SHERIFFS OF LONDON AND MIDDLESEX. Geo. II to Will. IV. (*Bundle 101.*)

SCHEDULES OF THE PIPE. Eliz. to 1655. (*Bundle 106.*)

APPOINTMENTS OF SHERIFFS' DEPUTIES. Geo. II to Will. IV. (*Bundles 107 to 115.*) Arranged in counties; these have the sheriffs' seals.

SUMMONSES OF THE PIPE. Hen. VI to Chas. I. (*Bundles 116 to 122.*)

**Originalia Rolls.**

11 Henry III to 1851. 1,102 Rolls. The Originalia Rolls are Estreats from the Chancery Rolls made to enable the Exchequer to issue the summonses to the Sheriffs to collect the fines chargeable for the various writs, letters and charters under the Great Seal. The endorsements on the rolls give the dates on which the summonses were issued and often the dates on which the sheriffs were required to pay the money into the Exchequer.

At the taking of the account the Originalia Rolls were used in the same way as the estreats made from the rolls of any other court or office, namely, as a check upon the accountant, and were noted item by item with the usual letters, 'T,' &c., and a reference to the Pipe Roll where the account was settled (*see below Pipe Rolls*). About the year 1340 many of these fines were charged upon the Clerk of the Hanaper, and these are noted 'Ha.' in the Originalia Rolls, the reference being to the account of that officer.

A brief Abstract of the rents, &c., reserved, and of the substance of the Originalia, was made by the Clerks of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the form of an Index or *Repertory*, and sent into the Pipe Office as particulars to be put in charge on the Great Roll, where they were termed 'Parcels of the Pipe.'

The making of these Repertories and the preparation of such particulars was termed, in official phrase, 'Executing the Originals.'

Upon the abolition of the Office of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in 1833 the Originalia Rolls were sent from the Petty Bag Office to the King's Remembrancer and it is to his department that the later rolls properly belong. By Stat. 22 and 23 Vict., c. 21, the practice of transmitting the rolls was discontinued.

*Abstracts.* Hen. III to Edw. III. Printed by the Record Commissioners from the Office Repertories, in 2 Vols., folio, entitled *Rotulorum Originalium Abbrevatio*. With Indexes of Persons and Places.

*Do.* Hen. VIII. 4 Vols. MS.

*Repertories.* (General.) 11 Hen. III to 8 Geo. III, and 1821 to 1851.



**Originalia Rolls**—(continued).

*Repertories*, called 'Originalia Abstracts.' 12 Chas. II to 8 Geo. III.

*Calendar*. Edw. I to Eliz. 1 Vol. MS., entitled 'Originalia.'

*Do.* Various dates to Eliz. 1 Vol. MS., entitled 'Charters and Grants.' This contains references mainly to grants to Corporations, Religious Houses and the like.

*Do.* Hen. VIII to Anne. Printed in Vol. I of Jones's *Index to the Records*.

**Pipe Rolls.**

31 Henry I to 2 William IV. 676 Rolls. Upon the Pipe Roll or Great Roll of the Exchequer the yearly charges against the Sheriffs and other accounting Officers of the Exchequer were entered and the result of the final audit of their accounts was recorded.

The Pipe Roll was anciently engrossed by the Treasurer's scribe, who afterwards developed into the Clerk of the Pipe. Its duplicate, the **Chancellor's Roll** (*q.v.*), was kept by the Chancellor's scribe and a system thereby existed by which the Chancery acted as a check upon the doings of the Exchequer. Subsequently, however, after the Chancellor had ceased to attend in person the sittings of the Exchequer, his clerk during the reign of Henry III became the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whilst his scribe in course of time became the **Controller of the Pipe** and both of them officers of the Exch quer.

The principal accounting officers at the ancient Exchequer were the Sheriffs and Bailiffs of the several counties, cities, and towns, to whom as the King's Farmers the custody of his lands, tenements, and other possessions was committed.

The Revenues of the Crown under the Feudal System, which were accounted for almost entirely by these officers, were of two kinds, either *certain* or *casual*.

The *certain* Revenue consisted of the rents and services due to the King from the tenants to the various manors, lands and tenements held by grant or lease from the Crown, the charge of the whole of which was committed to the Sheriff under the title of 'Corpus Comitatus,' or the Farm of the whole shire, and was grounded on the *Estreats* or *Extracts* from the Rolls of Chancery of all Charters, Letters Patent, Writs, and other documents for which any rent or consideration was to be rendered, which were sent into the Exchequer under the title of 'Originalia,' in order that any rents or reservations due thereon might be collected by means of the process issuing out of the latter Court. (See **Originalia Rolls**.)

The *casual* Revenue consisted of the Fines, Issues, Amercements, and Forfeited Recognizances in the various Courts of Law and before the Justices of the Peace, and of the profits of lands, tenements, goods, and chattels seized into the King's hands by virtue of writs of outlawry, or *de diem clausit extremum*, &c., and other profits arising from the royal prerogative.

In process of time the business of the Exchequer was greatly extended as it gradually acquired control over the collection of

**Pipe Rolls—(continued).**

other branches of the revenue, such as the Customs and Subsidies, and the finance of such departments as the Great Wardrobe, which anciently financed not only the royal household, but also the army and navy and the diplomatic and other branches of the national services. This so greatly increased the number of the so-called 'Foreign Accounts,' *i.e.*, those other than the normal accounts of the Sheriffs, which had been at first enrolled on the Pipe and Chancellor's Rolls, that under the Exchequer reforms of 1323-6 they were directed to be enrolled on separate rolls. (*See above* **Accounts, Enrolled, and Foreign Accounts.**) It is to be noted, however, that the final audit of the Foreign Accounts, when they resulted in a balance due from the accountant to the Exchequer, is still to be looked for on the Pipe Rolls.

With regard to the method of accounting at the Exchequer by the Sheriffs of the several counties, which is the principal business with which the Pipe Rolls are concerned, the rolls contained the yearly charge against them as drawn up and engrossed by the Clerk of the Pipe and specifying the various rents, farms and debts due from them to the King in their capacity as Farmers or Collectors of his Revenues.

Sometimes the Sheriff accounted merely as the *Custos* or Bailiff of the shire, the rents paid to him in that capacity being particularised one by one, but more generally the greater part of the rents due to the King within any one county were *let to farm* to the Sheriff at a fixed sum, such rents being then called Viscontiel rents, and the sum rendered by the Sheriff in lieu thereof being termed the 'Farm of the whole county,' or *Firma de corpore comitatus*. This amount was accounted for by the Sheriff in a *gross sum*, without specifying the several Viscontiel rents by which it was made up, and was frequently subdivided into two amounts, specified as *blanco* and *numero* respectively. The difference between the two methods of computation was considerable, the *blanco*, or 'blank silver,' being the amount represented by silver, the fineness of which had been tested by combustion or melting down. This was either real or nominal—*real* when a sample was actually put into the furnace and melted; *nominal* when 1s. in every 20s. was paid and accepted in lieu of the actual test. Farms, the rent of which was thus paid, were said to be *dealbated* or *blanched*.

The payment described as *numero*, or by tale, was the amount represented by the ordinary coinage without reference to the fineness of the silver. Both of these forms of payment were frequently made use of in accounting for the '*firma de corpore comitatus*,' according to the manner in which the rents had been answered to the Sheriff by the sub-tenants.

In addition to the *Corpus Comitatus* there were in each county certain *Gross Farms*, that is to say, rents charged upon particular persons, or on cities and towns, and accounted for separately on the Pipe Roll, either because, although written out to the Sheriff, they were to be answered for by the persons upon whom they were charged, or because they were such as had been reserved after the Farm of the county had been fixed at a certain

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sum. The manors and lands which made up the *Corpus Comitatus* were frequently charged by the King with settled payments of Alms and Liveries, &c., for which an allowance or deduction was made from the Sheriff's Farm, as was also done in the case of the *Terræ datæ*, or lands granted away by the King, for the lands of which the Sheriff could, as a matter of course, be no longer held responsible.

After the *Firma de Corpore Comitatus* had been accounted for, the next item put in the charge on the roll was the '*Crementum Comitatus*' (if any), that is to say, the rents of farms which had heretofore been particular farms to the Sheriff and were now thrown into the '*Corpus Comitatus*.'

Then followed the '*Proficuum Comitatus*,' or Profits of the Sheriff's Tourns and of the County Court (these were sometimes let to farm to the Sheriff for a fixed sum, called '*Firma de Proficuo*'), the *Escheats and Purprestures*, or amounts arising from forfeited lands and encroachments of wastes, &c.—(subsequent to the appointment of Escheators in the reign of Henry III, the escheated lands were accounted for by those officers instead of by the Sheriffs); the *Fines, Oblata, Issues, and Amercements* and other profits and perquisites of courts; and the sums to be accounted for by way of *Aids, Tallages, Scutages*, and other feudal imposts.

These various sums were accounted for by the Sheriffs twice a year, namely, at the *Utas*, or Octaves of Easter and Michaelmas, at the former of which they made their *Proffers*, or half-yearly prepayments, on account of the Issues of their Bailiwicks, and at the latter underwent their final examination. In Tudor times procedure was as follows and much of it can be traced to an earlier date. The Sheriffs' attendance at the Exchequer was required upon two several Writs called (1) the *Summons of the Pipe*, and (2) the *Summons of the Green Wax* (or *Casual Revenue*), which were issued from the Pipe Office at the end of Hilary and Trinity Term in each year. The Summons issued in Hilary Term contained, traditionally, the '*Corpus Comitatus*' and the Farms that were in arrear the preceding year, with the '*Oblata*' and '*Placita Curia*,' &c., or casual revenue up to the end of that term; those sent out in Trinity Term containing the '*Nova Oblata*,' and '*Nova Placita*,' &c., or accounts of the current year, which was reckoned from Michaelmas to Michaelmas.

(1) The *Summons of the Pipe* directed the Sheriffs to appear before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, bringing with them *whatever they owed* to the King and all debts thereunder written.

To this Writ, which was returnable in the following term, was annexed a Transcript from the Great Roll of the Pipe of the whole charge against the Sheriff.

On the appointed day the Sheriff appeared by his Under-Sheriff or Attorney, and was *apposed*, at first in open court, and afterwards before the Cursitor Baron, on his account.

This *apposal* consisted of examining the several items of charge expressed in the Writ or Summons of the Pipe one by



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one, and placing them to the Sheriff's Account or otherwise, according to the answers made by him. It was so called because the Court then decided what items the Sheriff should *apponere*, or place to account.

If the Sheriff had levied any of the debts specified in the Schedule annexed to the Writ of Summons to each of such items he said *tot*, meaning thereby that he charged himself with the whole sum, or *so much* as was therein expressed. The letter T was thereupon set against that particular sum in the margin of the Pipe Roll, which is called 'totting' it. If he had not received the whole of the money the remainder of the item was nichilled thus, 'Recd. (so much)' 'nil the rest.' When any sums due to the Crown had been paid at the Receipt of the Exchequer by someone else, the Sheriff would not tot that particular item, because he had not actually levied it. He was still, however, charged therewith, but conditionally only, the item being marked O. or O'ni., that is to say, *oneratur, nisi habeat sufficientem exonerationem*. In such cases the Sheriff had to produce the Record or Book of the Clerk of the Pells, showing that the sum had been actually paid, on doing which he received an order of discharge, and 'Exon.' was entered against that item on the margin of the Pipe Roll. If the Sheriff had not received any particular item, he answered *nil*, and such item was thereupon said to be *nichilled*. These nichilled items were afterwards put into a schedule called the *Schedule of the Pipe*, which was sent down to the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in order that process might be issued against the defaulters. Upon this Schedule the Lord Treasurer issued what was called the *Long Writ* or *Prerogative Writ*, which combined in itself every species of compulsory process known to the law, being at once a *non omittas*, *fieri facias*, *capias*, and *writ of extent*, and also a writ of *diem clausit extremum*, *attachment*, and *distringas*.

(2) *The Summons of the Green Wax.*

Under the Exchequer reforms of 1323-6 above referred to and in consequence of the great increase of the *casual* revenue, two new officers were appointed to assist the Clerk and the Controller of the Pipe in the discharge of their duties, called respectively the *Clerk of the Foreign Estreats* and the *Foreign Apposer*.

The duties of the Clerk of the Foreign Estreats were to receive from the Clerks of the Judges of the several Courts, the Clerks of Assize, Clerks of the Peace, Town Clerks, and others the *Estreats* or *Extracts* of the several Fines, Issues, Amercements, and Forfeited recognizances, in their several Courts, and to enter them on rolls called *Estreat Rolls*, from which he afterwards made out the Writs of Summons to the Sheriffs of the different counties, called the *Summons of the Green Wax*, calling them to account at the Exchequer for the issues of casual revenue or of the Green Wax in the same way as the Summons of the Pipe called them to account for the *certain* or fixed revenue.

The Summons of the Green Wax, so called because the Estreats annexed to the Writ were under a Seal in Green Wax,

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were issued twice a year at the same time as the Summons of the Pipe, and were answered in the same manner. The apposal of the Sheriff on the casual revenue or Green Wax, took place, however, before the *Foreign Apposer*, who was specially appointed for that purpose, instead of before the Cursitor Baron, the Clerk of the Estreats attending him with the Estreat Rolls and marking them according to the Sheriff's answers in the same way as the Pipe Rolls were marked on his apposal on the summons of the Pipe.

On this apposal the Clerk of the Estreats also marked on the rolls the claims made by the *Bailiffs of Liberties*. If any Fines or other issues were claimed by the Lord or Grantee of any Liberty in respect of such Liberty, a claim on his behalf was made by his Bailiff in open Court, and the decision pronounced on such claim by the Foreign Apposer, whether allowed or not, was thereupon entered on the Estreat Roll, and the item dealt with accordingly. After the Sheriffs had been apposed, the Foreign Apposer extracted from the Estreat Rolls whatever sums had been totted, and transmitted a copy thereof to the Pipe Office, which was called an *Escrow* or *Scroll*. They were then recorded by the Clerks of the Pipe Office on the Great Roll and charged on each Sheriff under the head of 'Nova Oblata,' or accounts of the current year.

The Pipe Rolls of 31 Henry I, 2, 3, and 4 Henry II and 1 Richard I have been printed *in extenso* by the Record Commission. The Pipe Roll Society is now in course of printing all the remaining rolls of the 12th century and has already issued volumes containing the rolls from 5 to 33 Henry II.

Amongst the indexes to the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's records is a volume, compiled apparently in the reign of Charles I, containing an Abstract of all the CLAIMS TO FINES AND AMERCEMENTS MADE BY THE LORDS OF LIBERTIES in the several Counties and Towns throughout England, with references to the Pipe Rolls in which such claims are recorded, and wherein the Charters by virtue of which the claims were made are generally recited at length.

A classified *Descriptive List* of the 'Foreign Accounts' enrolled on the Pipe Rolls is included in the printed List of Foreign Accounts to the end of the reign of Richard III (Lists and Indexes, No. XI, 1900).

**Pipe Rolls, Norman.**

Henry II to John. 18 Rolls. These are the Great Rolls of the Exchequer of Normandy and resemble in character those of the English Exchequer. They have been printed by the Society of Antiquaries of London in 2 vols., edited by Thomas Stapleton (London, 1840, 1844).

**Post Fines, Rolls of.**

38 Elizabeth to 1837. 34 Bags. These are extract rolls of the post fines, which were paid on the alienation of lands, and of other issues of the Court of Common Pleas. They were delivered by that Court each term to the Clerk of the Estreats.

### Proffers.

Edward II to 1660. 6 Boxes. Proffer Rolls of Sheriffs, Bailiffs and others. Duplicates of these are bound up with the Memoranda Rolls of the King's Remembrancer and the details of the totals which they contain are entered on the Pipe Rolls.

### Recusant Rolls.

34 Elizabeth to 1 and 2 William and Mary.

*Pipe Office Series.* 82 Rolls.

*Chancellor's Series.* 63 Rolls.

All persons refusing to conform to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England as by law established were, under several Statutes passed in the earlier part of Elizabeth's reign, subject to various penalties for such 'Recusancy,' as it was termed, no distinction being made between the Papists and other Nonconformists, and absence from church alone, unaccompanied by any other act, being sufficient to constitute such recusancy. In the 35th year of the same reign a Statute was, however, passed against *Popish* Recusants as distinguished from *Protestant* Recusants, by which the former were punishable by a fine of 20*l.* for every month during which they absented themselves from church, and by disabilities of various kinds, being also condemned within three months of their conviction as *Popish* Recusants either to submit and renounce their religious opinions or, if required by four justices, to abjure the realm.

The Recusant Rolls contain the Accounts of the pecuniary Penalties inflicted on *Recusants*, that is to say, on such persons 'as did not repair to any Church or Chapel or usual place of Common Prayer to hear Divine Service'; and also of the lands seized into the King's hands on account of the sums due to the Exchequer in consequence of such recusancy.

### Reversions, Rolls of.

Edw. III to Hen. VIII. Two rolls containing extracts from the Pipe Rolls and Originalia Rolls of the Issues and Profits which ought to be accounted for by reason of the reversion of lands and tenements on the expiration of leases or otherwise.

### Sheriffs' Accounts of Seizures, &c.

Henry VI to 1660. 179 Rolls. These rolls, which apparently form a branch of the Series of 'Enrolled Accounts,' contain enrolments of the Particulars of the various Seizures made by the Sheriff from year to year, with the total amount of which he was charged on the Pipe Roll. They are arranged in Counties, and contain full particulars relating to each Seizure, stating in what roll the Sheriff accounted for the same. They also contain an account of the Felons' goods, Waifs, Strays, &c., taken possession of by the Sheriff by virtue of his office from year to year.



## RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER— THE AUGMENTATION OFFICE.

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What may be termed the Chamber methods of finance adopted by Henry VII in order to ensure the more speedy payment of his revenues than could have been arrived at by the observance of the ancient course of the Exchequer have already been briefly described in the present work. It was not until the year 1512 that such methods were legally authorised by the Statute 3 Hen. VIII, c. 23, by which General Surveyors and Approvers of the King's lands were appointed, with power to call the accountants before them to the King's Chamber instead of to the Exchequer and to allow in their accounts all bills signed with the royal sign manual or by the Treasurer of the Chamber. The appointment of these General Surveyors was periodically renewed by subsequent Acts, under one of which (Stat. 6 Hen. VIII, c. 24) additional Exchequer business, such as the auditing of the accounts of the Great Wardrobe, the Hanaper, &c., was transferred to them. By Stat. 27 Hen. VIII, c. 62, their office was made perpetual.

The effect of this legislation was to remove the greater part of the revenues of the Crown from the purview of the Exchequer as regards both receipt and audit, and to place them in the hands of the King's personal servants.\*

By Statute 33 Hen. VIII, c. 39, in order to render the said General Surveyors entirely independent of any other Court or Jurisdiction, a Court was erected called the *Court of the General Surveyors of the King's Lands*, and consisting of the King's Surveyors, a Treasurer, Attorney, Master of the Woods, Auditors, Receivers, and other officers, under the survey of which were placed all lands accruing to the Crown by Attainder, Escheat, or Forfeiture.

In the meantime the revenues of the Crown had been greatly increased by the dissolution of the religious houses. In the 27th year of the reign of King Henry VIII an Act was passed for the dissolution of all the Religious Houses whose incomes were less than 200*l.* a year, the loose and vicious lives of the monks and nuns in the smaller houses, and the misapplication of their revenues (as appeared by the visitations thereof made), being alleged as reasons for breaking them up and transferring their occupants to the greater monasteries, their revenues, however, being applied to the King's use. By this Act, about 380 houses were dissolved and a revenue of about 30,000*l.* per annum accrued to the royal Exchequer, besides 100,000*l.* in plate and jewels.

By another Statute of the same year (27 Hen. VIII, cap. 27), a Court was erected for the management of the vast revenues arising from the possessions of the dissolved Monasteries under the title of the *Court of the Augmentations of the Revenues of the Crown*, within the survey of which were placed, not only the revenues of the dissolved Monasteries, but also all lands, &c., acquired or to be acquired by Purchase or Exchange. This Court comprised a Chancellor, who was

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\* See the article on 'The Treasurer of the Chamber under the early Tudors,' by Dr. A. P. Newton, in *Eng. Hist. Review*, XXXII, 348 seq.

empowered to make gifts, grants, &c., under the Seal of the Court, a Treasurer, Attorney, Solicitor, and Particular Auditors and Receivers.

The suppression of these houses occasioned great discontent, and resulted in 1536 in open rebellion, of which the insurrection known as the 'Pilgrimage of Grace' was the most striking manifestation. On the quelling of this the King resolved on the suppression of the rest of the Monasteries, and a new visitation thereof was appointed in 1537. This caused the greater Abbeys to be surrendered apace, the abbots of many of them, which had been implicated in the late rebellion, hoping by the voluntary surrender of their houses to save their lives.

Eventually, although there was no law compelling the Abbeys and Convents to surrender, they were almost all wrought upon to do so, and by an Act passed in the 31st year of the King's reign, all the Religious Houses, which since the passing of the former Act had been suppressed, forfeited, or given up, or should be so hereafter, were confirmed to the King and his successors, with all their rents, profits and revenues, which were placed under the survey of the Court of Augmentations, with the exception of those attainted of treason, the revenues of which were accounted for at the Court of Exchequer.

In consequence of this Act, all the abbots were prevailed upon to surrender, except those of Colchester, Glastonbury, and Reading, who could not be induced to do so, and were therefore accused of high treason and executed, and their Abbeys forfeited by attainder.

The next year a bill was brought in for suppressing the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and thus the revenues of all the greater houses passed into the hands of the King, amounting to above 100,000*l.* per annum, including a large sum in plate and jewels.

Both the Court of General Surveyors and the Court of Augmentations were dissolved by letters patent of 1 Jan., 1547,\* and a new Court to be called the *Court of the Augmentations and Revenues of the King's Crown* was erected. This was given full jurisdiction over all the revenues heretofore in the survey of the said abolished Courts, and over all honours, castles, seignories, manors, lands, &c., within England, Wales, Calais, and the Marches thereof, which might thereafter come to the King by any Act of Parliament or by any Gift, Grant, Surrender, Bargain and Sale, or by Forfeiture, Attainder, or Escheat. A proviso was, however, inserted that such honours, &c., as were already in the survey of the Court of Exchequer or of the Duchy of Lancaster should continue in the same.

The principal Officers of this Court consisted of:—

A Chancellor.

Two General Surveyors.

A Treasurer.

Two Masters of the Woods (one for the North and one for the South side of Trent).

Two Surveyors of the Woods.

Ten Auditors of the Revenues.

Two Auditors of Imprests, &c.

Eleven Receivers.

Particular Surveyors for each County.

An Attorney, Solicitor, Clerk, &c., &c.

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\* Patent Roll, 38 Hen. VIII, p. 5 (No. 790), m. 15.

By Statute 1 Edw. VI, c. 14, the revenues of the dissolved colleges, chantries, free chapels and guilds which were declared to belong to the Crown were placed under the control of this Court.

In 1553, some doubts having arisen as to the validity of the dissolution of the former courts and the creation of the new one by the King's letters patent, an Act of Parliament was passed (Stat. 7 Edw. VI, c. 2) to confirm the letters patent of 1547 and to give the then King power during his life to dissolve or change any such courts and to erect new ones by letters patent. Similar power was given to Queen Mary by Stat. 1 Mary, st. 2, c. 10, and under this authority that Queen by letters patent of 23 Jan., 1554, dissolved the Court of Augmentations and by other letters patent of the following day annexed its business to the Court of Exchequer.\*

By the articles uniting the Court of Augmentations to the Exchequer all the records belonging to the dissolved court, which included those of the former General Surveyors, were to be records of the Court of Exchequer. The yearly accounts of the revenue formerly received by the old Court and their engrossment were to remain in the charge of the Clerk of the Pipe, but severed from the ancient records of the Exchequer. A new office in the Exchequer for the preservation of these records was accordingly created. It was known as the Augmentation Office, and the Keeper or Clerk of it owed his appointment to the Clerk of the Pipe.

In the Report to the House of Commons of the Select Committee on the Public Records, 1800, it is stated that the Augmentation Office had been for ages the repository of various important records connected with its original institution, but possessed no records of a date subsequent to the Civil Wars of the 17th century. No special provision for the office was made in the Act of 1833 by which the Office of the Clerk of the Pipe was abolished, and it seems to have been understood that in accordance with the general provisions of that Act the Augmentation Office came under the charge of the King's Remembrancer. Upon the death of the then Keeper no further appointment to the Office was made.†

### Colleges and Chantries, Certificates of.

Henry VIII and Edward VI. 121 Rolls, &c. Notwithstanding the large revenues accruing to the King from the dissolution of the Monasteries further supplies became necessary for the maintenance of the wars with France and Scotland, and in 1545 an Act was passed which, after reciting that the possessions of the Colleges, Chantries, Free Chapels, Guilds, &c., had been misapplied in various ways, and that in many cases not only the founders and donors thereof, but other persons pretending to be such, and in some cases the priests or wardens themselves, had entered upon their lands, &c., and converted the profits thereof to their own use, declared that where such fraudulent practices had taken place the Chantries were thereby dissolved and their possessions forfeited to the King; and by direction of the same Act Commissioners were appointed to inquire into

\* See Note, p. 20.

† See the evidence printed in the Report of the Select Committee on the Record Commission, 1836.



**Colleges and Chantries, Certificates of—**(continued).

and make Certificates of the names of the various Chantries and their founders, the value of their lands, &c., and to take Inventories of their jewels, plate and ornaments.

Few of the Chantries were disturbed, however, till the first year of Edward VI, when another Act was passed, by which all Chantries, &c., existing at any time within the five years preceding the date of the Act, and not already in the hands of the late or present King, were declared to belong to the Crown, with all their lands and revenues, Commissioners being again appointed to make Certificate into the Court of Augmentations of all manors, lands, &c., belonging to the same, which were to be placed under the control of that Court and their revenues to be converted to the King's use. This was done accordingly, and these institutions were destroyed to the number of 90 colleges, 110 hospitals, and 2,374 chantries and free chapels.

The Certificates consist chiefly of the Returns of the Commissioners appointed under the Act of 1 Edward VI to inquire into the possessions of all Colleges, Hospitals, Chantries, Free Chapels, &c., the objects for which they were founded, the date of their foundation, names of the founders, and yearly value thereof. There are a few Returns only under the Act of 37 Henry VIII. Others will be found amongst the Miscellanea of the Chancery (Bundle 7), having been returned to that Court by virtue of Special Commissions.

Certificates of the possessions of the Companies of the City of London are also included in these Certificates (Roll 34).

*Calendar.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Concealments, Particulars of.**

Elizabeth. One Portfolio, containing particulars for the letting or sale of lands in various counties, which had been found to have been concealed from the Queen's Majesty, or from her progenitors, by Certificates or Inquisitions thereof taken, and remaining in the custody of the King's Remembrancer or Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer respectively.

**Conventual Leases.**

Richard III to Henry VIII. 29 Portfolios. These are arranged in Counties and consist of such Transcripts or Counterparts of Leases made by the several Monastic Establishments as fell into the hands of the Crown on their dissolution.

*Calendar and Index Locorum.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Conveyances of Crown Lands.**

Commonwealth. 8 Bundles. These are the counterparts of the Deeds of Sale of the estates of Charles I, Queen Henrietta Maria and the Prince of Wales by virtue of several ordinances of the Parliament.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS. This refers also to the Particulars for the sale of the same estates. (*See below*, p. 161.)

**Deeds.***Series B.*

A collection of original deeds and other documents of a similar nature belonging for the most part to the muniments chests of the religious houses which fell into the hands of the Crown at the Dissolution. The collection has been brought together from various now abolished classes, such as the 'Cartæ Antiquæ' and the 'Cartæ Selectæ.' The deeds have been arranged in two series, viz. :—

Ancient ; to the end of the reign of Elizabeth.

Modern ; from the commencement of the reign of James I (1 portfolio).

The Ancient Deeds are subdivided into the following series :—

Series B. Deeds packed in envelopes (Nos. 1 to 4,232 are described in the Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, Vol. 1 to 3).

Series 'Madox.' These are those originals of the deeds printed in Madox's *Formulare Anglicanum* which have been identified. There is a *MS. Catalogue*.

Series 'Fines.' Indentures of fines.

Series BB. Deeds too large to be packed in the above method.

Series BS. Deeds with fine seals packed in cardboard boxes.

A number of similar deeds amongst the records of the Augmentation Office, bound into 24 volumes and known as 'Cartæ Miscellaneæ,' are described below under **Miscellaneous Books**.

**Deeds of Purchase and Exchange.**

Henry VIII to Edward VI. 21 Boxes. These are the original deeds of purchase and exchange executed between the Crown and its subjects, and dealing with the property of the dissolved religious houses, colleges and chantries.

*Index.* 2 Vols. MS.

**Duchy of Cornwall Records.**

Edward I to Charles II. 13 Parcels. The following documents relating to the Duchy of Cornwall in addition to those noted below under **Miscellaneous Books** are amongst the records of the Augmentation Office. The Ministers' Accounts formerly in the same Department have been incorporated in the General Series of those documents and the Stannary Rolls with the Exchequer **Accounts Various** (see under **KING'S REMEMBRANCER**).

RECEIVER'S ACCOUNTS. 44 Eliz. and 2 Chas. I to 1650. 9 Rolls. Brief declarations of the accounts.

ASSESSON ROLLS. Edw. III to Jas. I. 27 Rolls. These contain the Arrentation or Assessment of all the 'Assessionary' lands belonging to the Duchy, the leases of which were renewed or

**Duchy of Cornwall Records—**(continued).

new leases granted every seven years. They give the names of all the Tenants, distinguishing them as 'liberi' or 'nativi,' the amount of land, &c., taken by each, the rent payable therefor, and the name of the previous tenant.

COINAGE ROLLS. 12 Edw. III and 2 to 12 Jas. I. 5 Rolls.  
Accounts relating to the Stannaries.

PARTICULARS FOR GRANTS. Hen. VIII to Chas. I. 10 Files.

COPIES OF GRANTS. Hen. VIII to Chas. II. 1 Portfolio.

HAVENER'S ACCOUNTS. 10 Hen. VIII to 12 Chas. I. 36 Rolls.  
Accounts of prisage and the customs on wines from ships arriving in the ports of the Duchy.

INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM, &c. 17 Hen. VI and 7 to 9 Hen. VII.  
10 Documents.

ARTICLES OF INQUIRY CONCERNING TENURES AND ANSWERS THERETO. Eliz. to Chas. I. 1 Portfolio.

MISCELLANEOUS ROLLS AND PAPERS. Edw. I to Chas. I. 3  
Parcels. Accounts, copies of documents, letters and papers relating to the Duchy.

**Fee-Farm Rents, Counterparts of Deeds of Sale of.**

Commonwealth. 23 Boxes. These were the Fee-Farm Rents reserved on Grants from the Crown, which together with the greater part of the landed estates of the Crown were sold during the Commonwealth, being vested in Trustees for that purpose. After the Restoration the sales made during the Commonwealth were declared void.

*Calendar with Index Locorum.* 2 Vols. MS.

**Fee-Farm Rents, Particulars for the Sale of.**

Commonwealth. 47 Files. The first 40 Files consist of the Particulars for Sale arranged in Counties from Bedford to York. Files 41 to 45 consist of those relating to the Duchy of Lancaster. The two remaining Files contain the *Certificates of the Stipends, &c., of Vicars, Curates and Schoolmasters* which were made to the Trustees for the Sale of Fee-Farm Rents in order that a certain portion of the rents might be retained for their payment.

There is in addition a portfolio containing certificates and contracts for the sale of Fee-Farm Rents; also two boxes containing Particulars of such Rents in the County of Denbigh only, the latter comprising 24 Rolls.

*Calendar with Index Locorum.* 3 Vols. MS., of which Vol. 3 relates only to the Duchy of Lancaster.

**Leases, Enrolments of.**

3-43 Elizabeth. 8 Boxes. The enrolments of Leases in the Augmentation Office for other years in the period between the reigns of Henry VIII and James I inclusive are with the *Miscellaneous Books, q.v.*

*Index.* 3-31 Elizabeth. 1 Vol. MS.



**Leases, Particulars for.**

Henry VIII to James I. 42 Portfolios. These are in files arranged under Counties. The three last portfolios contain PARTICULARS FOR LEASES IN REVERSION, A.D. 1558 to 1609.

*Index* (to Particulars for Leases). Elizabeth to James I. 4 Vols. MS.

*Do.* (to Particulars for Leases in Reversion). A.D. 1564-1592. 1 Vol. MS.

**Leases, Counterparts of.**

Henry VIII to James I. 51 Packages. Arranged in chronological order.

*Index.* Elizabeth to James I. 1 Vol. MS.

**Leases surrendered to the Crown, Counterparts of.**

Henry VIII and Edward VI. 9 Packages.

**Letters Patent (Original).**

7 Parcels. Other original royal letters patent will be found amongst the **Deeds**.

**Miscellanea.**

41 Bundles. These contain Warrants, Receipts and other documents for the most part subsidiary to the business of the Court of Augmentations.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

524 Volumes. This series consists of the Entry Books and Registers of the Courts of Augmentations and General Surveyors and of the later Augmentation Office, in addition to a number of volumes of a very varied character.

Vol. 1. ENROLMENTS OF ACQUITTANCES. 34 Henry VIII to 7 Edward VI. A large volume containing enrolments of the 'Bills of Acquittance or Receipts given by the Treasurer of the Court of Augmentations' for the sums of money received by him as payments for grants from the Crown of the sites and possessions of the dissolved monasteries, &c. The names of the grantees, dates of the grants, and descriptions of the premises are fully set out.

Vol. 2. ACTS OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE ASSURANCE OF PURCHASES AND EXCHANGES. c. 28 Henry VIII. A volume containing transcripts of all Acts of Parliament for the assurance to the King of the manors, &c., acquired by him since the first year of his reign.

Vol. 3. APPEARANCE BOOK OF THE COURT OF AUGMENTATIONS. 38 Hen. VIII.

Vols. 4 to 6. ARMY ACCOUNTS, as follows :—

Vol.

4. 5 Hen. VIII. Victualling account.

5. 1647 to 1652 }

6. 1648 to 1650 }

Sums due to troops in the employment of the Parliament.

Vols. 7 to 13. ACCOUNT BOOKS OF ARREARS FROM ATTAINED LANDS, as follows :—

Vol.

7. Temp. Hen. VIII.

8. 30 Hen. VIII.

9. Do.

10. 32 Hen. VIII.

11. Do.

12. 35 Hen. VIII.

13. Temp. Hen. VIII.



**Miscellaneous Books**—(continued).

Vols. 55 to 63. CARTULARIES, namely:—

- Vol.  
55. Acornbury Priory. Calendar and description in D.K. Report VIII, App. II, pp. 135-139.  
56. Battle Abbey ('Registrum de Bello'). Calendar and description in D.K. Report VIII, App. II, pp. 141-146.  
57. Battle Abbey (Rentals and Customals). Calendar and description in D.K. Report VIII, App. II, pp. 139-141.  
58. Family of Beauchamp, of Hatch, co. Somerset. Calendar and description in D.K. Report VIII, App. II, pp. 147-151.  
59. Family of Robert Hulle, of Spaxton, co. Somerset. Calendar and description in D.K. Report VIII, App. II, pp. 151-166.  
60. Do. (a copy).  
61. Pershore Abbey. 116 vellum leaves, rubricated and written in handwriting of the 13th and early 14th centuries.  
62. The Manors of Munden (Herts) and Wenden (Essex). 24 vellum leaves in a fifteenth century handwriting.  
63. Worcester Cathedral. A small volume of 69 vellum leaves written in a fourteenth century handwriting, being an entry book of letters, &c., addressed to the Prior of the Cathedral Church of Worcester. A calendar with a partial transcript was printed by the Worcestershire Historical Society in 1912.
- Vol. 64. Three small books bound in one volume, as follows:—  
(1) Assessment for the Second Loan in the West Riding of Yorkshire. 15 Hen. VIII.  
(2) Extracts from registers relative to a pension due to the King from the Church of Ardleigh, co. Essex. 1 Edw. VI.  
(3) Accounts relating to the College of St. Mary, Warwick. 32 Hen. VIII.
- Vol. 65. [Now Exchequer, Treas. of Rec., Books, Vol. 279, q.v.]
- Vol. 66. VIEWS OF ACCOUNTS OF THE CHAMBERLAIN OF CHESTER. 34-36 Hen. VIII.
- Vols. 67 and 68. PARTICULARS FOR THE SALE OF COLLEGES AND CHANTRIES. Hen. VIII and Edw. VI.  
*Calendar and Index Locorum.* 1 Vol. MS.
- Vols. 69 to 75. DUCHY OF CORNWALL ACQUITTANCES. James I to Charles I. Seven volumes (as below), containing the Receipts or Acquittances given by the Receivers of the Duchy to the Bailiffs, Reeves, and Farmers of the various Manors for the rent due from them, and also the Receipts of various Officers of the Duchy for their salaries and allowances.
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- Vols. 77 and 78. VALUATIONS OF SEVERAL HUNDREDS IN THE COUNTY OF CORNWALL. [Henry VIII.] Two volumes containing a valuation taken by the Royal Commission of all the lands and goods, &c., in the Hundreds of East, West, Triggs, Kerrier and others, in the County of Cornwall, apparently for the purpose of assessing a military levy. The names of the inhabitants in each parish are given, with the value of their goods, &c., and the amount to be levied from each in money or equipment.
- Vols. 79 to 86. COURT ROLLS (VARIOUS), as below. These are described more fully in the General List of Court Rolls, Part I (Lists and Indexes, No. VI, 1896).
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| 82. Hen. VIII.             | 86. Edw. IV to Mary. |
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**Miscellaneous Books—**(continued).

grants or leases taken by virtue of warrants issued by the Commissioners appointed from time to time for the compounding of defective titles.

Commissions of this nature were of frequent occurrence during the reigns of Elizabeth, James I, and Charles I, and generally set forth that, it having come to the knowledge of the Sovereign that many of his liege subjects were in possession, by purchase, descent, or otherwise, of lands and hereditaments formerly belonging to the Crown, of which they held either imperfect grants or no grants at all, he, out of consideration for their welfare and in order to prevent costly law suits and probable total loss of such lands and hereditaments, empowered certain Commissioners to compound with such persons for a certain sum of ready money to be by them paid into the Exchequer, and thereupon to issue to them in the King's name new grants or leases of the premises, thus putting them in secure possession of their estates at a comparatively small cost. This apparent generosity on the part of the Sovereign was extensively applied for the purpose of raising money both by himself and by unscrupulous informers who obtained from the Commissioners what have been termed 'Fishing' grants, that is to say, grants of lands already held by other persons whose titles they alleged to be defective, and from whom they extorted large sums for a re-transfer of their estates. Several grants of this description were made in the 33rd and 34th years of Elizabeth to two persons named Wm. Tipper and Edw. Dawe, who were particularly active in the discovery of so-called 'Concealed Lands.' The 'Particulars' above mentioned are contained in seven volumes as follows, and also Vol. 159.

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- Vol. 134. DEPOSITIONS OF THE COURT OF AUGMENTATIONS (fos. 1–25). Henry VIII. These relate to the possessions of Manchester College.
- COURT ROLLS OF NEWTON, CO. LANC. (fos. 26–39). 7, 9 and 24 Chas. I. Courts of the Warden of Christ Church, Manchester.
- COURT ROLLS OF NEWTON, CO. NORF. (fos. 40–117). 32 Hen. VIII to 11 Eliz. Courts of the Dean and Chapter of Norwich.
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397	Surveys of Monasteries called 'Paper Surveys,' Bucks to London.	Temp. Hen. VIII.	
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399	Do. do. Bucks to Notts.	Do.	
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401	Do. do. York.	Do.	
402	Do. do. Beds. to Wales.	Do.	
403	Do. do. Northants and Leic.	Do.	
404	Do. do. Warwick.	Do.	
405	Accounts relating to the Abbey of Dore, co. Hereford, Rentals of Missendon, co. Bucks, Fotheringay, co. Northampton, and Sawtrey, co. Hunts., with Memoranda relating to Monasteries in Cumberland, Westmoreland, Northumberland, and York.	Do.	
406	Surveys of Monasteries called 'Paper Surveys,' Berks to Warwick.	Temp. Hen. VIII.	
407	Rental and Terrier of the Lordships of Oye and Marke, near Calais.	22 Edw. IV.	
408	Rentals and Surveys of Monasteries, Chester to Warwick.	Hen. VII & Hen. VIII.	
409	Rentals and Surveys (various). — — —	Do.	
410	Do. do. — — —	Do.	
411	Title to Sapperton and other lands belonging to Sir Henry Pool.	18 Jas. I.	
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413	Survey of the manor of Stockton, co. Norfolk —	5 Jas. I.	
414	Surveys and Rentals (various). — — —	Edw. VI and Jas. I.	
415	Valor of lands assigned by the King to Churches and Colleges in Oxford and Cambridge, and other Miscellaneous Papers.	Hen. VIII to Edw. VI.	
416	Rentals of Calstock and other manors in Cornwall.	3 & 4 Ph. and Mary.	
417	Survey of Crown Lands in Glamorgan. — —	1 & 2 Ph. and Mary.	
418	Valor of Sir John Russell's lands. — — —	Temp. Hen. VIII.	
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420	Surveys of the possessions of Glastonbury Abbey, co. Somerset, and of divers Monasteries in co. Wilts.	31 to 32 Hen. VIII.	
421	Surveys of the Manors of Thorley, Ugaton, and Niton, in the Isle of Wight.	6 Jas. I.	
422	Rental of Thornbury, co. Gloucester. — —	17 Hen. VII.	
	Surveys of Ashton Keynes, co. Wilts, and Rosedale, co. York.	Temp. Jas. I.	
423	Valor of Monasteries, &c., in Wales. — —	Temp. Hen. VIII.	
424	Survey of Walsingham Parva, co. Norfolk. —	Do.	
425	Survey of the Manor of Westham, Essex. —	3 Jas. I.	
426	Valor of the possessions of the Cathedral Church of Westminster in divers counties.	Temp. Hen. VIII.	
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428	Views of Accounts (various). — — —	Temp. Edw. VI.	
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430	Do. do. — — —	Do.	
431	Surveys of Woods in Devon and Cornwall. —	3 Edw. VI.	
432	Rentals of Wrington, co. Somerset, and Accounts.	33–36 Hen. VIII.	
433	Survey and Rental of Wye, co. Kent. — —	Temp. Hen. VI.	
434	Do. do. — — —	Do.	
435	Notes of divers Rents belonging to Syon Abbey.	Temp. Edw. IV.	

**Miscellaneous Books—(continued).**

Vol. 436. PROCEEDINGS IN THE COURT OF AUGMENTATIONS BETWEEN THE ABBESS OF SYON AND THE MAYOR OF RYE, RELATING TO GATEBOROUGH MARSH, CO. SUSSEX. Temp. Henry VIII.

Vols. 437 and 438. ACCOUNTS OF THE KING'S TREASURER IN FRANCE. Temp. Edward III. 2 Vols. Accounts of Nicholas de Louth, treasurer of Ponthieu and Montreuil.

Vol. 439. ACCOUNT BOOK OF SIR EDWARD CAVENDISH, TREASURER OF THE KING'S CHAMBER. 1 & 2 Edward VI.

Vols. 440 and 441. SURVEYS OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE. 37 Henry VIII. A Survey or Valuation of all the possessions, temporal and spiritual, of the various Colleges, Halls, Hospitals, Chantries and Chapels within the several Towns and Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, with the expenses and reprises thereof, and full particulars of the several Foundations, giving the names of the Founders, date and conditions of foundation, stipends, benefactions, &c.; taken by Commissioners appointed for that purpose in the 37th year of Henry VIII. Two large volumes, viz., Cambridge (Vol. 440) and Oxford (Vol. 441).

Vols. 442 to 454. VIEWS OF MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS. Henry VIII to James I. 13 Vols., as follows:—

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442	Counties of Southampton, Wilts and Gloucester.	31 Hen. VIII.
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446	Possessions of the Monastery of Romsey and others, in Gloucester and Wilts.	Hen. VIII.
447	Possessions of the Monastery of Cirencester, co. Gloucester.	Do.
448	Gower Land and other lands in Wales. — —	Do.
449	Possessions of the Monasteries of Jarvaux and Bridlington, &c., co. York.	Do.
450	Possessions of the Priory of Kington, &c., co. Wilts.	Do.
451	Possessions of the Colleges and Chantries in the county of Notts.	5 Edw. VI.
452	Possessions of Monasteries in the county of Gloucester.	Edw. VI.
453	Possessions of Monasteries in the counties of Wilts and Chester.	—
454	Possessions of Monasteries in the counties of Lincoln, Notts, Derby and Chester.	10 Jas. I.

Vols. 455 and 456. WARDROBE ACCOUNTS. Account books of Andrew, Lord Wyndesore, Keeper of the Great Wardrobe. 2 Vols., viz.:—

Vol. 455. 27 and 28 Hen. VIII.

456. 30 and 31 Hen. VIII.

Vols. 457 to 462. ACCOUNTS, &c., OF SALES OF WOODS. Henry VIII to Elizabeth, 6 Vols., as follows:—

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457.	35 Hen. VIII.	(Accounts).
458.	Hen. VIII to Eliz.	Do.
459.	Hen. VIII to Ph.	Do.
	and Mary.	
460.	Do.	Do.
461.	Edw. VI.	Do.
462.	Ph. and Mary.	(Certificates).

Vol. 463. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS, &c., viz.:—

- (1) Account of the parsonage of Rochdale, co. Lanc., 28–29 Hen. VIII.
- (2) Copies of leases with a valor and divers memoranda relating to Harmondsworth, co. Middx., a possession of St. Mary's College, Winchester, 32 to 34 Hen. VIII.

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- Vol. 463. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS, &c.—(continued).
- (3) Survey of the manor of Geles in Teddington, co. Middx., Temp. Hen. VIII.
  - (4) View of Account of Receiver-General of attainted lands in Yorkshire. 36 Hen. VIII.
- Vol. 464. CERTIFICATES OF MUSTERS IN BERKSHIRE. Henry VIII. Gives the names of men in the several hundreds with the value of their lands and goods and notes as to their military fitness and the equipment in their possession.
- Vol. 465. ACCOUNT OF PREST MONEY IN BERKSHIRE. Henry VIII. The sums of money prest upon the King by his subjects in Berkshire by reason of the views taken of their lands and goods.
- Vol. 466. CERTIFICATES OF MUSTERS IN NORFOLK. Henry VIII.
- Vol. 467. PORT BOOK FOR LONDON. 2-3 James I. This is similar in character to the Port Books described amongst the records of the King's Remembrancer.
- Vol. 468. TRANSCRIPTS OF ACCOUNTS RELATING TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS. Transcripts or abstracts made probably temp. Elizabeth of the accounts of John Mautravers, Keeper of the Islands from 26 Edward III.
- Vol. 469. TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF KING HENRY VIII. Contemporary copy.
- Vol. 470. DECLARATION OF THE REVENUE OF QUEEN ANNE OF DENMARK. 13 Jas. I.
- Vol. 471. ACCOUNTS RELATING TO VARIOUS GUILDS AND CHANTRIES IN LICHFIELD, CO. STAFFORD, and to the repairs of houses, &c., belonging to the same. Temp. Ph. and Mary.
- Vols. 472 to 480. MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS AND PAPERS. 9 Vols. These consist for the most part of letters to various Auditors and other officers of the Court of Augmentations and of the Exchequer, with original warrants, bills and memoranda relating to revenue matters and dating from the reign of Henry VIII to that of Elizabeth. Vol. 476 contains papers as late as 1698.
- Vol. 481. VARIOUS ACCOUNTS AND ORDERS OF COMMITTEES DURING THE COMMONWEALTH. 1646 to 1652. A miscellaneous collection of Orders and memoranda of the Committee of Public Revenue, the Trustees for the sale of the Crown Lands, &c., with bills for the quartering of soldiers and the like.
- Vol. 482. TRANSCRIPTS FROM THE CLOSE ROLLS. 1 Henry VII. Writs directed to the Escheators.
- Vol. 483. TRANSCRIPTS OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FROM THE REGISTERS OF THE COURT OF PROBATE. 1649 to 1659.
- Vol. 484. ACCOUNT OF FEES PAID IN THE COURTS OF KING'S BENCH, COMMON PLEAS, THE PRINCIPALITY OF WALES AND THE MARSHALSEA. Temp. Charles I. Apparently belonging to the records of the Royal Commission on Fees appointed in that reign.
- Vol. 485. PORT BOOK FOR NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. 40-41 Elizabeth. This is similar in character to Vol. 467.
- Vol. 486. PAPERS RELATING TO EARL RIVERS. Edward IV. Original letters, memoranda, receipts, &c., relating to the estates and affairs generally of the Earl.
- Vol. 487. A COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL WRITS AND RETURNS IN THE EXCHEQUER. Edward III. Some returns to special commissions of inquiry, extents and the like.
- Vol. 488. RENTALS, &c., viz. :—
- (1) Rental of the Manor of Wye, co. Kent, 13th cent.
  - (2) Portion of a valor or rental of possessions of Ramsey Abbey, co. Huntingdon, 15th cent.
  - (3) Extracts of amercements of the Bench at York for the county of Nottingham, 9 Edw. III.
- Vol. 489. ECCLESIASTICAL TAXATION OF THE BISHOPRIC OF HEREFORD. A Register or Valuation of the Tithes of Ecclesiastical Benefices in the Diocese of Hereford, with Transcripts of Deeds, &c. Temp. Edward III.



**Miscellaneous Books—**(continued).

- Vol. 490. *REGULÆ MONACHORUM*. A collection of rules and regulations made by Chapters General of the Carthusian Order, arranged alphabetically under subjects and compiled in the fifteenth century, with directions for prayers, &c.
- Vol. 491. *MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS, RENTALS, &c., OF THE POSSESSIONS OF SIR ADRIAN FORTESCUE IN THE COUNTIES OF BERKS AND OXFORD*. 8 to 29 Henry VIII. Documents subsidiary to accounts of Ministers of Sotwell St. John, Bensington, Watcombe, &c.
- Vol. 492. *STATUTES OF WARWICK COLLEGE, &c.* Temp. Henry VIII. The volume includes also the following :—  
Petitions for allowance of the Receiver-General of attainted lands in Yorkshire (showing stipends of curates and chantry priests, repairs, &c.), temp. Hen. VIII.  
Valor of the royal free chapel of Wimborne Minster, Hen. VIII.  
Accounts of the under treasurer of Warwick College, 27 to 29 Hen. VIII.  
Allowances on the account of the bailiff of divers chantries in Staffordshire. 2 & 3 Ph. and Mary.
- Vol. 493. *FEET OF FINES LEVIED IN THE COURT OF THE ABBOT OF BATTLE AT WYE, CO. KENT*. Edward III. Included in the volume are some transcripts of pleas in the Court of Common Pleas, writs, &c., of the same reign relating to Wye.
- Vol. 494. *CERTIFICATES OF SURRENDER AND VALUATIONS OF DISSOLVED MONASTERIES IN THE COUNTIES OF SOUTHAMPTON, WILTS AND GLOUCESTER*. 31 Henry VIII. The certificates of Robert Southwell and the other commissioners. At the end of the volume is an inventory of the goods of Winchester Cathedral, taken 3 Oct., 1552.
- Vols. 495 to 515. *INVENTORIES OF CHURCH GOODS*. Edward VI. 21 Vols., as below. These are included in the *General Index* to the *Inventories of Church Goods*, 2 Vols. MS.
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| Vol.                   | Vol.                    |
| 495. Cambridge.        | 506. Norwich.           |
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| 499. Norfolk.          | 510. Do.                |
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| 504. Do.               | 515. York, E.R.         |
| 505. Do.               |                         |
- Vols. 516 to 522. *PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF AUGMENTATIONS*. Henry VIII and Edward VI. *Calendar and Index*. 2 Vols. MS.
- Vols. 523, 524. *CERTIFICATES OF SUBSIDY COMMISSIONERS*. These are similar to the Certificates of Residence in the King's Remembrancer's Department.
- Vol.
523. 1 Edw. VI. Apparently belonging to the vouchers of the Accounts of the Collectors for Kent of the subsidy granted 37 Hen. VIII.
524. 8 Jas. I.

**Offices, Particulars for Grants of.**

Henry VIII to Charles II. 23 Packages.

**Parliamentary Surveys.**

Commonwealth. 56 Portfolios. The 'Parliamentary Surveys,' so called as having been taken under the authority of the Parliament (A.D. 1649 to 1653), extend to all the Counties of England and Wales, and are of two kinds, one class being made 'by virtue of a Commission granted upon an Act of the Commons assembled in Parliament for the Sale of the Honours,

**Parliamentary Surveys**—(continued).

Manors, and Lands' belonging to King Charles I, his Queen, and Prince, passed 16th July, 1649; the other class taken under a Commission grounded upon an Act of the Commons for the Sale of the Fee-Farm Rents belonging to the Commonwealth of England, which were formerly payable to the Crown of England, the Duchy of Lancaster, and the Duchy of Cornwall, passed 11th March, 1649.

Some of the documents in this series are only copies of Evidences submitted to the Surveyors in the course of their labours, others being short Certificates by the Surveyors themselves. The great majority of the documents, however, are complete Surveys subscribed by the Surveyors.

*Calendar.* Report VII, App. II, pp. 224-238 (Bedford to Lancaster); and Report VIII, App. II, pp. 52-81 (Leicester to York and Wales).

The foregoing Surveys are included in the General Inventory of Rentals and Surveys (Lists and Indexes, No. XXV, 1908).

**Particulars for Grants of Crown Lands.**

Henry VIII to Charles I. These consist of the 'Requests to Purchase' which were addressed in writing to the Commissioners appointed for the Sale of the possessions of the late dissolved Monasteries, and of other lands in the hands of the Crown, by all persons wishing to acquire any portion of such lands, accompanied by 'Particulars' of the property required, giving a full description of the premises and their value, stating to what monastery or individual they had belonged before being seized into the King's hands, what leases, if any, had been made thereof, and what fines were payable thereon. These particulars were examined by the Officers of the Crown, who certified to their correctness, whereupon the 'fiat dimissio' was issued. They are contained in 47 portfolios and are now numbered consecutively.

*Inventory.* Henry VIII. Printed: Report IX, App. II, pp. 148-232, and Report X, App. II, pp. 223-309. Arranged alphabetically under the names of the Grantees.

*Index Locorum.* Henry VIII. 4 Vols. MS.

*Calendar and Index Locorum.* Edw. VI. 3 Vols. MS.

*Do.* *do.* Ph. and Mary to James I. 2 Vols. MS.

*Calendar.* Charles I. 1 Vol. MS.

**Particulars for Grants, &c., for Schools.**

Edward VI. A Package containing:—

- (1) A File of Warrants by the Commissioners appointed in the 2nd year of Edward VI to take order for the maintenance and continuance of schools and of 'preachers, priests, and curates of necessitie,' and for the payment of the stipends, &c., allowed by the said Commissioners.
- (2) 14 Rolls of Particulars for Grants of lands and tenements in various counties towards the erection and maintenance of Free Grammar Schools, dated 5 Edward VI.

**Particulars for the Sale of the Estates of Charles I.**

Commonwealth. 22 Bundles.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Proceedings of the Court of Augmentations.**

Henry VIII to Philip and Mary. 46 Bundles. Bills, Answers, Depositions, &c. Similar proceedings will be found amongst the **Miscellaneous Books** described above.

*Calendar and Index Locorum.* 3 Vols. MS.

**Surrenders of the Monasteries.**

Henry VIII. 21 Bundles. These are the original Deeds of Surrender, attested by the signatures of the Abbots, Priors, and others, with, in most instances, the Conventual Seals attached.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report VIII, App. II, pp. 1-51.

**Treasurer's Accounts of the Court of Augmentations.**

28 Hen. VIII to 1 Mary. 10 Rolls. These contain an Account of all moneys received or paid by the Treasurer of the Court of Augmentations, specifying the amounts received from the Particular Receivers of the revenues of the dissolved Monasteries, &c., throughout England and Wales, with the sums produced by the sale of their Jewels, Plate, and Ornaments; the Fines or Compositions received for the toleration or continuance of certain Houses; and the various sums received by sales of lands, &c., with an exact description of the premises sold, the name of the purchaser and date of purchase, &c.

The payments comprise the fees and wages of Officers of the Court, annuities to Royal and other personages, pensions to the Abbots, Priors and others of the dissolved Monasteries, and payments of various kinds made by Warrant of the Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations or otherwise.

**Warrants for the Delivery of Records.**

Henry VII to Charles I. 77 Rolls. These are for the most part Treasurer's Warrants to Exchequer officials for delivery of records together with the signed indentures of the delivery.

**Woods, Accounts of Sales of.**

Henry VIII to Commonwealth. 1 Bundle. A very miscellaneous collection of documents consisting of original accounts of wood sales and matter subsidiary thereto, and including a volume of the presentments of the regarkers, preservators, &c., of the Queen's woods and forests from 11 to 15 Elizabeth.



## RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER— THE FIRST FRUITS AND TENTHS OFFICE.

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The *primitiæ* or first fruits were the profits of every spiritual living for the first year after avoidance, which were in ancient times given to the Pope throughout Christendom. They were appointed by John XXII in 1320 and were made perpetual by Boniface IX. The 'tenths' were levied for the recovery of the Holy Land and were assigned by various Popes to the Kings who undertook to apply them for that purpose or other expeditions against infidels.\*

By Statute 23 Henry VIII, c. 20, the payment of annates to the see of Rome was prohibited and by Stat. 26 Hen. VIII, c. 3, these annates or first fruits, together with 'one annual pension of the tenth part of all the possessions of the Church, spiritual and temporal,' were granted to the King. By the same statute commissioners were empowered to value all benefices and compound for the first fruits thereof. This provision resulted in a new valuation called the VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS, by which the clergy are at present rated.

By Stat. 32 Hen. VIII, c. 45, a new court called the *Court of First Fruits and Tenths* was erected for the administration of this revenue. The officers of this Court were a Chancellor, Treasurer, Attorney, two Auditors, a Clerk, Messenger and Usher. Process of the Court was to be in accordance with that used in the Duchy Chamber of Lancaster and none was to issue out of the Exchequer for matters under the regulation of the new court.

Queen Mary by authority of Stat. 1 Mary, st. 2, c. 10, by her letters patent of 23 and 24 Jan., 1554,† abolished this Court and annexed its business to the Exchequer. Under the articles of annexation a new Exchequer officer, called the Remembrancer of the First Fruits and Tenths, was appointed. He was to have charge of the records of the late Court as well as of all certificates and other records concerning first fruits and tenths thenceforth to be returned to the Exchequer, was to write and make all process, commissions, entries, bonds, orders, judgments and decrees of the Court of Exchequer respecting such matters, and was to make a yearly ledger of all compositions of first fruits to be taken. All sums of money due for first fruits were to be paid to this Remembrancer, who was required to deliver the same at the end of every term or before to the Tellers of the Receipt. Archbishops, Bishops and other persons who had the collection of the tenths were to account before the Auditors of the Exchequer and to pay the sums due from them direct into the Receipt.

By Stat. 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, c. 4, first fruits were abolished, but they were revived by Queen Elizabeth by statute in the first year of her reign (c. 4), re-vested in the Crown and again put under the survey of the Exchequer.

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\* E.g., the 'Taxatio' of Pope Nicholas IV, granted to Edward I in 1288, the records of which will be found in the King's Remembrancer's Department.

† Enrolled on Close Roll, 1 Mary, p. 7 (No. 500).

Queen Anne restored to the Church what had at first been indirectly taken from it, not by remitting the payment of First Fruits and Tenths entirely, but by applying the sums received from the larger benefices to make up the deficiencies of the smaller ; for this purpose she granted a Charter on 3 Nov., 1704,\* pursuant to a previous Statute (2 and 3 Anne, c. 20), whereby she appointed the corporation known as 'The Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the augmentation of the maintenance of the poor clergy,' in whom was vested all the revenue of the first fruits and tenths otherwise unencumbered to form a perpetual fund for the augmentation of poor livings under 50*l.* a year. This fund is usually called 'Queen Anne's Bounty,' and has been further regulated by subsequent Statutes.

By Statute 1 Vict., c. 20, the Office of First Fruits and Tenths was abolished, the collection of the revenue being placed entirely under the management of the Governors and Treasurer of Queen Anne's Bounty, to whom the records of the abolished office were to be delivered. By Stat. 1 and 2 Vict., c. 94, however, these records were directed to be placed under the direction of the Master of the Rolls in the Public Record Office.

The Certificates made since the former statute by the Bishops and certain Deans and Chapters of institutions to benefices in their several jurisdictions, which were formerly made to the Barons of the Exchequer and since their abolition are returned to the Judges of the King's Bench division of the High Court of Justice, have been added to the series of those formerly preserved in the Office of First Fruits and Tenths.

### **Bishops' Certificates of Institutions to Benefices.**

Philip and Mary to 1912. 62 Bundles. These are the returns made on parchment to the Barons of the Exchequer and on the abolition of that Court to the Judges of the King's Bench division of the High Court of Justice by the Bishops of the several dioceses and the Deans and Chapters of London and York of the collations, admissions and institutions to benefices entered in their respective registers. The majority of the returns date from the reign of Elizabeth, but returns made during the reign of Philip and Mary exist for the dioceses of London and Rochester. Prior to April, 1862, the returns are filed under the several dioceses ; since that date they are arranged together chronologically.

*Indexes.* Institution Books, 3 series, viz. :—

- Series A. 1556 to 1660. 5 Vols. MS.
- Series B. 1660 to 1720. 7 Vols. MS.
- Series C. 1720 to 1838. 3 Vols. MS.

### **Bishops' Certificates of all Church Livings not exceeding the yearly value of 50*l.***

5 Anne. 1 Portfolio. These Certificates were returned into the Exchequer pursuant to the Statute of 5 Anne, by which all such livings were discharged from the payments of the First Fruits and Tenths. A complete Abstract of these is given in Ecton's *Liber Decimarum*. (See below.)

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\* Patent Roll, 3 Anne, p. 4 (No. 3446), No. 2.

**Certificates of Second Admissions to Benefices, &c., with Orders of Court thereon.**

13 Charles II to 5 William and Mary. 354 Documents. These are the returns made by the Bishops and others to writs of certiorari from the Crown as to cases for exemption from the payment of first fruits and tenths with the Orders of the Barons of the Exchequer made thereon. By far the greater number of the cases occur by virtue of the Acts of 12 Charles II for a General Pardon and for the confirming and restoring of Ministers appointed to vacant benefices during the Commonwealth. Other cases, however, result from an incumbent dying before induction or before he had enjoyed the fruits for more than a certain limited period or are due to yet other grounds for exemption. One document, that for Tangmere, co. Sussex, is dated 3 Elizabeth.

*Index Locorum.* MS.

**Composition Books.**

1535 to 1795. 37 Vols. These contain entries of the Compositions for First Fruits paid by incumbents on their induction, giving the date of such payment and the names of the sureties.

*Indexes.* (Arranged under Incumbents' names):—

Series I. 1656 to 1684. 2 Vols.

Series II. 1658 to 1798. 8 Vols.

*Do.* (County Arrangement):—

Series III. 1536 to 1660. 2 Vols.

Series IV. 1684 to 1838. 8 Vols.

Series V. 1684 to 1838. 6 Vols.

(All the above are not, strictly speaking, indexes to the Composition Books, but serve to indicate the date at which any entry will be found in those Books. Many of the Composition Books contain an *Index Locorum*.)

**Controller's State Books.**

1688 to 1783. 15 Vols. These record the compositions made for the payment of the First Fruits, with the names of the Incumbents and their Sureties and the dates of the various payments.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

Henry VIII to 1838. 28 Vols. Amongst other books relating to the administration of the First Fruits and Tenths Office these include the following:—

Vols. 1 & 2. Appearance Books, 1660 to 1716. These contain also entries of process of certiorari, &c.

Vols. 4 to 6. Entry book of commissions, writs, &c. Henry VIII to 1688. Vol. 4 (Hen. VIII to 7 Eliz.) contains only entries of special commissions of inquiry with the interrogatories; Vols. 5 and 6 commissions to levy arrears of tenths, to sequester first fruits, &c.



**Miscellaneous Books—(continued).**

- Vol. 8. General state of the value of Tenths, c. 1730. Eight small books, giving in some cases the names of the incumbents at the period.
- Vol. 16. List of the dignitaries of the various cathedral churches subject to the payment of first fruits, c. 1775.
- Vol. 17. Precedent book, c. 1600. This does not relate to the First Fruits and Tenths Office, but to Chancery and Common Law practice, more particularly in bankruptcy.
- Vol. 21. Assessment for a clerical benevolence, 1586.
- Vol. 26. Entry book of Orders, 20 to 41 Eliz.
- Vol. 27. Receipts and payments by Treasurers of the Court of First Fruits, 36 Henry VIII and 1 to 2 Edward VI.
- Vol. 28. Return of benefices and names of incumbents, c. 1653.

**Plea Rolls.**

1 Mary to 8 George II. 20 Rolls, of which that for 20 to 22 Elizabeth is wanting. These are the pleas with the judgments thereon made by the Barons of the Exchequer, which were enrolled in the office of the Remembrancer of First Fruits.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Process Books.**

29 Henry VIII to 1822. 15 Vols. These are arranged under Counties and contain against the entries of the livings and their respective incumbents, with the sums to be paid, brief notes as to the method of payment of the latter or as to process taken for their recovery.

**Returns of Benefices.**

Commonwealth. 1 Bundle. These are returns by Sheriffs to writs of the Keepers of the Liberties of England or of the Lord Protector, giving the names of benefices with their respective incumbents within their several bailiwicks or setting out such livings as had become void. The bundle contains also some writs of *non omittas* for the collection of arrears of Tenths.

**Remembrancer's Constat Books.**

1709 to 1713 and 1793 to 1838. 41 Vols. These give the names of the livings with those of their several incumbents and show their annual value less the amount deducted for Tenths.

**Remembrancer's Account Books.**

33 Henry VIII to 1653. 13 Vols. These show month by month the sums paid by incumbents of livings in respect of First Fruits.

**Tenths, Arrears of.**

1717 to 1822. 10 Bundles. Small yearly vellum-covered books, with notes as to when the arrears were paid.

**Tenths, Entries of Payment of.**

1660 to 1837. 16 Vols. Arranged under dioceses and showing the amount paid in respect of each living. They do not give the incumbents' names.

**Valor Ecclesiasticus.**

26 Henry VIII. 22 Vols. and 3 Portfolios, consisting of :—  
ORIGINAL RETURNS. 18 Vols. and 3 Portfolios.

The 'LIBER REGIS.' 2 Vols. A contemporary transcript on vellum.

ABSTRACTS OF THE VALOR. 2 Vols. contemporary with the original returns.

The important Record known as the Valor Ecclesiasticus consists of a survey, or valuation, of all Ecclesiastical Benefices throughout England and Wales taken by virtue of a Commission issued in the 26th year of Henry VIII in order to carry into effect the Statute giving the First Fruits and Tenths to the King. The Returns were made either in the form of Books or on rolls of paper or parchment, and are contained in 3 Portfolios and 18 Volumes. Those for the Diocese of Ely, a great part of the Diocese of London, the Counties of Berks, Rutland, and Northumberland, and a great part of the diocese of York, including the Deaneries of Rydal and Craven, are wanting. This deficiency is, however, to some extent supplied by the Abstracts contained in 3 volumes known as 'King's Books,' or the 'Liber Valorum,' which were compiled from the original Record when it was entire for the use of the First Fruits Office, and by the beautiful Transcript on vellum, referred to above, of Portions of the Valor known as the 'Liber Regis.'

*Transcripts.* Printed by the Record Commission, 6 Vols. folio.

MS. 'LIBER VALORUM.' Three Volumes, so entitled, containing extracts from the Valor Ecclesiasticus made in the 18th cent. from the original returns when they were complete, and supplying their places where now defective.

The following MS. book which is partly based on the Valor Ecclesiasticus will also be found in the Search Room :—

'LIBER DECIMARUM.' Two volumes compiled from the original Books and Rolls in the First Fruits and Tenths Office, by John Ecton, Receiver-General of Tenths in the year 1709, and containing an account of the yearly Tenths charged on all benefices, and also of such livings as were discharged from the payment of First Fruits and Tenths by Statute 5 Anne.\*

**Writs and Miscellanea.**

Henry VIII to William IV. 19 Bundles. In addition to the Writs connected with the process of collection of First Fruits and Tenths, this class consists of schedules of arrears, receivers' accounts, bonds and other documents of a miscellaneous nature.

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\* See also the *Thesaurus Rerum Ecclesiasticarum*, by John Ecton, Esq., with additions, &c., by Browne Willis, LL.D., printed in 1754, and also Bacon's *Liber Regis*, published in 1786, both of which give the names of the patrons of the Livings at the dates on which these volumes were compiled.

## RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER— OFFICE OF THE AUDITORS OF LAND REVENUE.

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It has already been stated that the business formerly transacted by the ten Auditors of the revenues of the Court of Augmentations was transferred by Queen Mary to seven Auditors of the Exchequer, who in course of time became commonly known as the Auditors of the Land Revenue.

The Auditors of the Exchequer, who are said in the articles of annexation of 1554 to have been in time past six in number, but had then for long been but five, are doubtless to be identified with the Foreign Auditors who are expressly mentioned in connexion with the Exchequer in Statutes of the reign of Henry VIII. Their number was now raised to seven, to which Queen Elizabeth, by letters patent of 30 July, 1560,\* added an eighth, but this latter addition appears to have been only temporary.

The first of the above mentioned articles provided that the rents of all honours, manors, lands, &c., in the survey of the Court of Augmentations should thenceforth be levied by the Sheriffs of the counties in which the lands were, or by such persons as the Lord Treasurer and the Court of Exchequer should appoint. The Sheriffs, however, continued to account only for those rents and farms of the Crown which had anciently been in charge in the Pipe. The large revenues which accrued through the Augmentations were collected as formerly by receivers specially appointed, whose accounts after being examined in the office of the Auditors, who were sworn as to their accuracy usually before the Cursitor Baron, were declared before the Chancellor of the Exchequer and subsequently preserved in the said office.

In addition to the accounts of the land revenues the Auditors examined the accounts of the sheriffs, the escheators, the collectors of subsidies, the surveyors of the King's woods and forests and of the Cofferer of the Royal Household and in later times the accounts of the land and assessed taxes. Formerly, too, they had charge of the accounts of the Customs revenue, but this branch of their work appears to have been transferred some time during the reign of James I to the two Auditors of the Prests.† The business of the Auditors' department included also the entry and enrolment of all grants, leases, assignments, warrants and other documents relative to the administration of the real estates of the Crown and the collection of the revenues thereof, to the payment of all salaries, stipends and pensions reserved upon the fee-farm rents by the Pension Deed of 1677, and to the issue of debentures upon the receivers as directed by Treasury warrant for all works and services appurtenant to the Land Revenue.‡

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\* Auditor's Patent Book (E. 403), No. 2452, fo. 35.

† See the article 'Notes on the Origin of the Declared Account,' by Mrs. Eric George, in *Eng. Hist. Review*, XXXI, 41 seq.

‡ Thomas, *Ancient Exchequer*, p. 126.



The grants of Crown Lands made during the reign of Elizabeth were very numerous and an even greater profusion was exercised during the reign of James I. The extensive Surveys taken during the latter reign, amongst the Records of the Land Revenue Office, tend, however, to show that great attention was paid to the management and improvement of estates as long as they remained in the hands of the Crown.

Charles I, in his endeavour to support the expenses of his Government, without the aid of Parliament, sold many of the Estates of the Crown. At one time he borrowed 320,000*l.* from the City of London on the security of the Crown Lands, grants thereof being afterwards made for the repayment of the money. These grants, which were made to Edward Ditchfield and others, as Trustees for the City, in the King's 4th year, occupy three entire Patent Rolls, each consisting of three parts.

Almost all the Landed Estates of the Crown, together with the *Fee-Farm Rents* reserved on Grants from the Crown, were sold during the Commonwealth, being vested in Trustees for that purpose, by whose direction elaborate and careful Surveys of the Crown lands were taken, which form the collection known as **Parliamentary Surveys**. These surveys, together with the particulars and contracts for the sale of these estates, are now preserved amongst the records of the Augmentation Office.

Immediately after the Restoration, all the sales made during the Commonwealth were declared void, and the King restored to the possession of his honours, lands, and hereditaments. The Revenue is, however, supposed to have suffered largely by *concealments*, and by forbearance or favour to *bona fide* purchasers, and to those who had promoted the Restoration.

Some different provision for the support of the Government being found necessary, the Feudal Tenures were abolished soon after the Restoration, and a permanent income of 1,200,000*l.* per annum settled on the King, of which the Royal demesnes, though much reduced in value, formed a part.

This income, however, being found altogether inadequate to his expenses, Acts were obtained in the 22nd and 23rd years of his reign, enabling him to dispose of the *Fee-Farm Rents*, which, to a considerable extent, remained the Royal property. These rents were accordingly vested in Trustees for that purpose, by whom extensive sales were made, the *Deeds of Bargain and Sale* being enrolled on the Close Rolls.

The Land Revenue of the Crown underwent little change during the reign of James II, but the rewards bestowed by William III on those who had aided in the Revolution diminished it as effectually as the prodigality of Charles II. These frequent alienations of the Royal domains did not fail to draw the public attention, and in the first year of Queen Anne, what is known as the *Civil List Act* (Stat. 1 Anne, c. 1) was passed, by which it was enacted that no grant should be made of any manors, lands, tenements, &c., belonging to the Crown (advowsons of churches and vicarages only excepted) for a longer period than 31 years, or three lives, or 50 years in the case of lands where the yearly value consisted of buildings needing repair or rebuilding. This, however, did not apply to estates forfeited by treason or felony, or acquired by purchase out of the Privy Purse.

In the same reign the number of Auditors of the Land Revenue was reduced to three\* and so remained until the abolition of the office. In 1799 it was enacted (Stat. 39 Geo. III, c. 83) that upon the respective deaths of the then Auditors their offices should cease, that all the official books, papers and accounts remaining in any of their said offices should be deemed public property and that the future enrolment of all leases and grants within their respective audits should be made by the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts, who had succeeded the old Auditors of the Prests in 1785. No steps, however, appear to have been taken to carry out these provisions until 1832, when by Stat. 2 Will. IV, c. 1, the one remaining office of Auditor of Land Revenue was finally abolished, the duties of auditing the accounts of the land revenue again transferred to the Audit Commissioners, and a new office, to be called the Office of **LAND REVENUE RECORDS AND ENROLMENTS** (which see), was erected for the custody of the existing records and the enrolment of all future deeds, leases, &c., entered into by the Commissioners of H.M. Woods, Forests and Land Revenues.

### Accounts, General.

1663 to 1831. 41 Bundles. Accounts of the Surveyors of Woods from 1663 to 1810 and of the Commissioners of Woods from 1811. These were examined in the office of the Auditors, and are usually sworn before the Cursitor Baron and declared before the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

### Accounts, Receivers'.

*Series I.* Henry VIII to Geo. I. 163 Bundles.

*Series II.* Mary to 1832. 128 Bundles.

*Series III.* Henry VIII to 1832. 43 Bundles.

Similar in character to the foregoing. The accounts prior to the reign of Queen Mary belonged to the Court of Augmentations and were declared before the Chancellor and other officers of that Court.

### Accounts, Views of.

Henry VIII to 1832. 420 Vols. and Bundles.

### Accounts, Vouchers.

Henry VIII to 1832. 19 Bundles.

### Auditors' Memoranda.

Henry VIII to 1832. 148 Bundles. Documents of a very miscellaneous and subsidiary nature connected with the audit of the Land Revenue accounts.

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\* According to the 12th Report (1792) of the Commissioners of Inquiry into the Woods, Forests and Land Revenues of the Crown the change was made in the year 1706. On 20 June, 1706, Thomas Jett was appointed to succeed Henry Shale in the office of an Auditor of the Exchequer within thirty-two counties and in London and Westminster (Pells Pat. Bk. (E. 403), No. 2535, fo. 110). On 11 March, 1707, he received a further grant of the similar office of Antony Parsons in seven other counties and the Isle of Wight. (*Ibid.* fo. 111.)

**Court Rolls.**

Edward I to 1832. 124 Bundles and Vols.  
*Index.* MS.

**Court Rolls, Estreats of.**

Edward I to George III. 79 Bundles.  
*Descriptive Slips.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Deeds.**

*Ancient.* Series E. 26 Boxes.  
Series EE. 11 Boxes.  
*Modern.* Series E. 11 Bundles.

**Enrolment Books of Grants, Leases, Warrants, &c.**

28 Henry VIII to 1832. 371 Vols. These contain the enrolment of a great variety of documents affecting the landed property of the Crown, including Inquisitions, Surveys, Conventual Leases, Exemplifications of Pleadings and Decrees, Wills and Probates, Treasury Warrants and Letters, and Auditors' Reports, &c.

They are made up according to Counties in the eight Divisions specified below, there having been originally six Auditors for England and one for Wales.

1. Essex, Herts, Middlesex, London, Norfolk, Suffolk, Huntingdon, Cambridge.
2. Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Oxford, Berks, Beds, Bucks.
3. Southampton, Wilts, Gloucester, Somerset, Devon, Dorset, Cornwall.
4. Lancaster, Stafford, Hereford, Salop, Worcester, Warwick, Northampton, Rutland, Leicester, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Isle of Man.
5. York, Durham, Northumberland.
6. Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Chester.
7. North Wales.
8. South Wales and Monmouth.

In addition there is a separate series of books for each of the two following districts :—

New Street [Regent Street], Westminster.

Bailiwick of St. James and Savoy Hospital.

Separate series of enrolments for the following subjects are also included in this class :—

Grants, Edward III to James II.

Sales of Fee-Farm Rents by the Trustees. 1670 to 1833.

Common Entry Books, 1701 to 1833. These contain Treasury Warrants, Particulars and Reports of lands, Commissions of Receivers of Taxes and similar matter.

The references are by means of Indexes, and 'Schedules,' arranged according to the foregoing Divisions and numbered 351 to 371 at the end of the volumes. Some of the volumes have, moreover, indexes annexed.



**Miscellaneous Books.**

326 Volumes, as follows :—

Volume.	
1 to 9.	WARRANTS ( <i>First Series</i> ). 1609 to 1832.
10 to 22.	Do. ( <i>Second Series</i> ). 1692 to 1841.
23 to 25.	Do. ( <i>Various</i> ). 1676 to 1832.
	These are Entry Books of Treasury Warrants, commissions of Surveyors and the like, and are similar in nature to the Common Entry Books amongst the Enrolments described above.
26.	RETURN AS TO ENCROACHMENTS IN WYRE FOREST. 10 Chas. I.
27 to 34.	NEW RIVER ACCOUNT BOOKS. 1609 to 1632.
35 to 44.	Do. RENT AND FINE BOOKS. 1614 to 1630.
45 to 48.	DEBET BOOKS. 1714 to 1832.
49.	NOTES AS TO LEASES. 1701 to 1703.
50 to 53.	AUDITORS' RENTALS OF THE BAILIWICK OF ST. JAMES, MIDDLESEX. 1741 to 1830.
54.	RECEIVERS' RENTALS OF NEW STREET [REGENT STREET], WESTMINSTER. 1827 to 1831.
55.	Do. OF CROWN RENTS IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX. 1827 to 1831.
56.	RETURN TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AS TO GRANTS OF CROWN LANDS. 1640 to 1667.
57.	Do. Do. 1701.
58 & 59.	SURVEYS OF SEVERAL PARISHES WITHIN THE MARCHES OF CALAIS. 38 Henry VIII.
60.	PAPERS RELATING TO THE LORDSHIPS OF BROMFIELD AND YALE. James I.
61.	CARTULARY OF THE CHARTERHOUSE, LONDON. (Written temp. Hen. VIII.)
62.	Do. OF THE PRIORY OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM. (Written temp. Hen. VIII.)
63.	Do. Do. (Written temp. Hen. VIII. Paper.)
64.	COLLY WESTON, CO. NORTHAMPTON, PAY BOOK OF LABOURERS AT THE MANOR OF. 1565-6.
65 to 75.	PARTICULARS FOR THE SALE OF CROWN LANDS. Edward VI to Charles I.
76.	DEEDS AND EVIDENCES, COPIES OF. Henry VIII to Eliz. Wales and Salop.
77 & 78.	FEES, ACCOUNTS OF. (Wales.) 1717 to 1751.
79.	FEUDAL TENURES, A BOOK OF. [James I.]
80.	FORFEITED ESTATES, DOCKETS OF. George I.
81 to 83.	GRANTS AND SEQUESTRATIONS. Commonwealth.
84 to 103.	GRANTS AND LEASES, PARTICULARS FOR. Mary to James I, and 1695 to 1819.
104 to 110.	GRANTS AND LEASES, SCHEDULES OF. Eliz. to William III.
111.	INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY. Henry VIII.
112.	Do. OF THE GOODS OF SYON ABBEY. Henry VIII.
113 to 117.	Do. OF THE GOODS OF THE DUKE OF NORFOLK. 1546.
118 to 120.	Do. OF THE GOODS OF THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND OTHERS. 1553.
121.	Do. OF THE JEWELS AND WARDROBE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH. 1599.
122.	Do. OF THE JEWELS OF ANNE, QUEEN CONSORT OF JAMES I. 1605 to 1615.
123.	Do. OF THE JEWELS AND PLATE OF CHARLES I, WHICH WERE PAWNED. 1625 to 1635.
124.	Do. OF THE PICTURES, PLATE AND OTHER POSSESSIONS OF CHARLES I. 1649 to 1651.
125.	LONDON, CUSTOM DUES AND EXPENSES OF LABOUR IN THE PORT OF. 1597 to 1598.

**Miscellaneous Books—(continued).**

- Volume.  
126 to 176. QUEEN KATHARINE'S JOINTURE. 51 Vols., as follows:—  
126. Assignment from the Earl of Chesterfield to the Earl of Feversham, 1687.  
127 to 133. Council Books, 1663 to 1701.  
134. Copies of Council Orders, 1660 to 1670.  
135. Schedule of deeds, &c., lately in the hands of the Queen Dowager's Attorney General, ordered to be delivered into the Exchequer, 1711.  
136 to 152. Enrolment Books of the Queen's leases, orders of her Council, commissions and other matters relative to lands in her jointure, 1660 to 1712.  
153. Index to Vols. 136 to 152.  
154 to 160. Copies of the grants of jointure, privileges, &c., 1665 to 1687.  
161. Indenture as to lands in Radnorshire.  
162. Index to Council Books, Minutes, &c.  
163 & 164. Leases, 1698 to 1705. (*Libri Parvi Irrotulamentorum*).  
165 to 169. Minutes of the Queen's Council, 1674 to 1701.  
170 to 174. Abstracts from Accounts of Fee Farm and other rents granted in jointures to Queen Katherine, 1680 to 1706.  
175 & 176. Warrants and Contracts, 1686 to 1701.  
177 to 179. SEIZURES FOR DEBT, WALES. James I to William III.  
180 to 275. SURVEYS, BOOKS OF. Edward III to Anne. These are described in the printed list of Rentals and Surveys (Lists and Indexes, No. XXV, 1908). Vols. 241 to 243 consist of Certificates by the Vicars, Curates and Churchwardens of the several Parishes within the City of London as to the Foundations and Endowments of Colleges, Chantries, Hospitals, &c., and also of the Wardens of the several City Companies as to their endowments (Hen. VIII).  
276 to 304. PARLIAMENTARY SURVEYS, COPIES OF. Commonwealth.  
305 to 325. RENTALS IN VARIOUS COUNTIES AND IN NORTH AND SOUTH WALES. 1718 to 1831.  
326. ENTRY BOOK OF LEASES AND FINES UPON LEASES OF THE QUEEN'S LANDS, I to II James I.

**Particulars for Grants, and Drafts of Particulars.**

Henry VIII to George II. 41 Bundles.

*Descriptive Slips.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Rentals, &c.**

Elizabeth to 1831. 15 Bundles. Auditors' and Receivers' Collection Rentals and the like, selected from the class of Auditors' Memoranda.

*List.* 1 Vol. MS.

## RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER— THE EXCHEQUER OF PLEAS.

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The origin and subsequent development of the Court of Pleas in the Exchequer has been briefly explained in the general introduction to the Records of the Exchequer in the present work.

The Court had originally jurisdiction in all causes which concerned the King's profit or revenue, and particularly in relation to debts due to the King. Anyone indebted to the King might sue in this Court upon a suggestion of *quominus*, that is to say, that, by reason of the cause of action which he had against the defendant, he was *the less* able to satisfy the King.\* Persons employed in the King's service at the Exchequer had the privilege of impleading and being impleaded in the Exchequer only and freedom from suit to county and other courts.†

Three classes of persons were thus privileged at the Exchequer, namely, officers and accountants at the Exchequer and the King's debtors, but in the case of the last named the privilege does not seem to have extended to exemption from their being impleaded in any other court which had cognizance of the particular actions brought against them.‡

The privilege of pleading by bill in the Court which belonged to the residents at the Exchequer was extended to their clerks and men and also to their wives.§ By a fiction similar to that which eventually opened the King's Bench to all kinds of personal actions, the writ of *quominus* admitted of wide extension, so that eventually it was practically open to everyone to sue in the Exchequer of Pleas in any personal action and in ejectment.||

Although under the Statute of Wales of 12 Edward I and the Statutes establishing the Welsh Courts of 27 and 34 Henry VIII, it was claimed for the Principality that the Courts of Westminster had no power in Wales, its exemption from the King's writ did not obtain in the case of writs issued at the Exchequer. The power of issuing writs into Wales, which is claimed as one of the peculiars of the office of Pleas in the Exchequer, seems to have been derived from prescription and not by statute, although it is stated to have been originally founded on the clause in the chapter of Edward I's first Statute of Westminster, which provided remedy for distress impounded in a castle or fortress that 'if that be done in the Marches of Wales or in any other place where the King's writ be not current, the King, which is sovereign lord over all, shall do right there unto such as will complain.'¶

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\* *P.R.O. Rules and Schedules*, 1877-1913, p. 131.

† Burton, *Exchequer*, I, 45.

‡ *Ibid.* 60, 61.

§ *Ibid.* 45-48.

|| *P.R.O. Rules and Schedules*, p. 131.

¶ Stat. Westm. I (3 Edw. I), c. 17. See Burton, *Exchequer*, I, 72.



## RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER— THE EXCHEQUER OF PLEAS.

In like manner the Exchequer acquired the power of issuing writs into the Palatinates, the Cinque Ports, the Channel Islands and Ireland.

Nevertheless, in spite of this wider area of jurisdiction, the amount of business transacted at the Exchequer of Pleas never attained the dimensions of that done in the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas and the plea rolls of the Court are consequently far less bulky than those of the two latter. In early times care was taken to restrict the number of pleas at the Exchequer and to subordinate them to the revenue business of the Court. Thus in the *Articuli super Cartas* (28 Edw. I, c. 14) it was enacted that 'no common pleas shall be from henceforth holden in the Exchequer contrary to the form of the Great Charter.' At an earlier date the *Estatutz del Eschekere* had charged the Treasurer and Barons not to hear the pleas of other men whilst they had to do with the King's business. So also the ordinances of 1323 forbade the Barons to hear pleas until the apposal of the accountants by the Pipe had been disposed of and to hear any pleas without the King's special mandate or unless those pleas concerned the business of the Exchequer. In 1381, however, by Stat. 5 Rich. II, St. 1, c. 9, the obligation to obtain the King's writ before a defendant could plead or sue his discharge in the Exchequer was abolished.

A special class of suits which were more generally instituted in the Exchequer than in any other court of common law related to the payment of tithes. Actions to enforce such payment were cognisable by the ecclesiastical courts, but cases in which the right to demand tithes was in dispute between the clergy and laymen were determined by the King's courts of common law.

The Clerk of the Pleas, the prothonotary of the Court, was appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. In later times the duties of the office were performed by a deputy, who was usually known as the Master of the Office of Pleas. Under him were four Sworn Attorneys, each of whom was entitled to have not more than four Clerks (called Side Clerks) in his division. These Sworn and Side Clerks formed a close corporation and until 1832 no actions could be brought in the Court except by employing them as attorneys.

Prior to the Uniformity of Process Act of 1832 (2 Will. IV, c. 39), the Exchequer of Pleas differed from the other courts of common law at Westminster in having no procedure by original writ issuing out of the Chancery.\*

Under the Judicature Act of 1873 the Exchequer of Pleas ceased to exist as a distinct court of law and became a division of the Supreme Court. Subsequently by Order in Council of 16 Dec., 1880, in virtue of the powers conferred on the Crown by that Act (s. 32), its jurisdiction was finally merged in that of the new Queen's Bench Division of the same Court.

### Affidavits, General.

1830 to 1875. 42 Bundles. Only such affidavits as affect questions of title or are of material interest are preserved.

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\* P.R.O. Rules and Schedules, p. 131.

**Appearance Books.**

28 Elizabeth to 2 George I. 35 Vols. These give the dates of entry of appearance by defendants with the names or initials of the attorneys.

**Attorneys' Oath Rolls.**

1830 to 1872. 10 Rolls. These include a roll of Catholics (1831 to 1837) and another of Quakers (1831 to 1835) admitted as attorneys.

*Books of Attorneys.* 1830 to 1837. 2 Vols. These give the place of abode and date of admission or enrolment.

**Bills and Writs.**

3 Edward III to 1855. 209 Bundles. Prior to 1660 these consist of the original files of bills and writs of the Court.

Subsequent to 1660 the bundles contain the Writs of *elegit* with the inquisitions taken upon them, writs of possession and a few miscellaneous writs and returns, depositions, &c., copies of declarations in ejectment with the affidavits of service thereof, and certain other documents of a miscellaneous nature, all which are arranged in counties.

The class also includes down to the year 1810 the bills of necessities supplied to the Court by the chief usher. These bills were allowed by the Treasurer or the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the writs of *liberate* for the payment of them, as well as of the fees for the summons of the Pipe, for the carriage of writs, for the Green Wax and the Great Seals were made out in the Office of Pleas three times in the year.

**Depositions.**

1853 to 1879. 17 Bundles.

*Index.* 1868 to 1880. 1 Vol. MS.

**Ejectment, Proceedings in.**

These consist of Affidavits on motion in Court in Ejectment, 1778 to 1837, and Declarations in Ejectment with Affidavits annexed, 1838 to 1849. 32 Bundles.

*Index to Ejectments.* 1830 to 1852. 2 Vols.

For a description of Proceedings in Ejectment, see **COURT OF KING'S BENCH (PLEA SIDE)**.

**Jews' Plea Rolls.**

3 Henry III to 15 Edward I. 54 Rolls. These are the rolls of the pleas held before the special Justices assigned for the custody of the Jews. They record both civil and criminal pleas affecting the Jews and are particularly concerned with cases both between Jews and Christians and between Christians and Christians arising out of the contents of the 'archæ' or chests which were ordered to be kept in certain specified towns and wherein were deposited the chirographs or counterparts of deeds recording loans made by Jews to Christians. In addition to such pleas the rolls contain memoranda of proceedings with regard to the custody of these 'archæ' and to similar regulations respecting the Jews.

**Jews' Plea Rolls**—(continued).

Selections from these rolls have been printed in *Select Pleas, Starrs and other Records from the Rolls of the Exchequer of the Jews, A.D. 1220 to 1284*, edited by Mr. J. M. Rigg and issued by the Selden Society in conjunction with the Jewish Historical Society (London, 1902). Translations of the rolls from 1218 to 1275 under the same editorship have been issued by the latter Society in two volumes (London, 1905, and Edinburgh, 1910).

**Minute Books.**

1657 to 1830. 74 Volumes. These contain minutes of the Rules made in Court which were subsequently entered in full in the Order Books prior to 1811 and since that year in the Rule Books.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

1616 to 1856. 30 Volumes as follows :—

Account of money paid into and out of Court. 1690 to 1775.  
3 Vols.

Amercements and Issues forfeited. 1697 to 1740. 1 Vol.

Masters' New Trial Books. 1848 to 1856. 4 Vols.

Outlawry Books. 1833 to 1869. 2 Vols.

Precedent Book ('Placitorum Formulare'). Circa 1710. 1 Vol.

Special Paper Book. 1847 to 1854. 1 Vol.

Writ Books (Precipes). 1616 to 1725. 15 Vols.

Entry Books of Money paid into Court. 1846 to 1848 and 1865.  
3 Vols.

**Order Books.**

3 Edward VI to 11 George IV. 81 Vols. These are entry books of all rules, orders and other judicial acts of the Court. After the year 1811 the rules are entered in a separate series of Rule Books, but the Order Books continue to record the side-bar rules as well as the Orders to sign judgment. They also contain entries of notices of trial, of inquiry, &c.

**Plea Rolls.**

20 Hen. III to 1875. 1,497 Rolls. (See Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910.) In the later history of the Court it was the practice to leave the bringing in of the membranes containing the record of the plea and judgment thereon to the convenience of the attorneys, with the result that the larger proportion was not brought in at all. In such cases the only record of the judgment will be found in the Order Books (*see above*) or the Entry Books of Judgments mentioned below. The deeds enrolled in the Exchequer of Pleas are enrolled on the Plea Rolls and indexed in the Docket Books of Pleas. See also the Alphabetical and Chronological 'Calendars of Enrolments' below.

*Repertories.* Hen. IV to Hen. VII. 1 Package.



**Plea Rolls**—(continued).

*Alphabetical Calendar.* 1293 to 1820. 18 Vols.

*Chronological Calendar.* 1293 to 1820. 20 Vols.

These Calendars contain selections of the more important pleadings and enrolments.

*Calendar of Tithe-Suits* enrolled in the Exchequer of Pleas. Edw. IV to George III. Report II, App. II, pp. 249-272.

*Docket Books.* 1 Eliz. to 1839. 51 Vols. These appear to contain entries of the Judgments signed in each Term. They do not refer directly to the Plea Roll, but to the page of the Order Book on which the Order to sign judgment is entered.

*Entry Books of Judgments.* 1830 to 1875. 183 Vols.

Do. *Alphabetical Indexes.* 1830 to 1875. 80 Vols.

**Rule Books.**

1811 to 1854. 43 Volumes. These are entered in from the Minute Books. For Rules prior to 1811 see the **Order Books.**

*Indexes.* 1843 to 1855. 3 Vols.

**Term Papers.**

1735, 1778 and 1779, 1830 to 1849. 26 Bundles. These consist for the most part of Orders to make previous Orders of the Court, of *nisi prius*, &c., Rules of Court, with affidavits and other subsidiary documents attached.

**Transcripts of Pleadings in Error.**

1821 to 1852. 14 Bundles. Transcripts of pleas in the Exchequer of Pleas annexed to Writs of Error upon which are endorsed the judgments of the Court of Exchequer Chamber. Included in this class are some Bills of Exceptions and one portfolio of Transcripts of Judgments from the Courts of Great Sessions in Wales, 1821 to 1830, upon which proceedings in error were taken in the Exchequer of Pleas. There is a MS. list of the contents of the bundles.

**Warrants of Attorney and Cognovits.**

1803 to 1855. 165 Bundles. Warrants of Attorney to confess Judgment, upon the production of which judgments in certain cases were signed.

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So far the various departments of the Exchequer which have been here treated all belong to that division of it which was concerned with audit and has been called the Upper Exchequer or Exchequer of Account. That division which comprised the various offices concerned with the actual receipt and payment of the King's moneys is called in the ancient *Dialogus* the *Inferius Scaccarium* and is more generally known as the Exchequer of Receipt.

Like the Upper Exchequer the Exchequer of Receipt was not at first a permanent institution, but existed only when the Exchequer was in session at Easter and Michaelmas.\* It was administered by the Treasurer and the two Chamberlains, who being themselves mainly engaged at the time in the Upper Exchequer were represented in the Receipt by deputies. The Treasurer being an ecclesiastic, deputed his functions in the Receipt to a clerk, whilst those of the Chamberlains who were lay officers were discharged by laymen styled in the *Dialogus* knights (*milites*).†

In the twelfth century there is mention of one Treasurer's clerk only in the Receipt, but his duties probably soon afterwards devolved upon two principal officers, namely the Clerk of the Pells, who engrossed the Receipt and Issue rolls and the Writer of the Tallies (*scriptor talliarum*), who wrote on the tallies the amount each represented, with the name of the person from whom the money had been received. The Treasurer also appointed the Tellers, four in number, whose business it was to receive and count the moneys paid in.

The two knights or deputies of the Chamberlains carried the keys of the chests, weighed the money after it had been counted out into hundreds of shillings, cut the tallies in accordance with the amount of each receipt, and in conjunction with the Treasurer's clerk made all payments out of the royal treasure by authority of the King's writ or by order of the Barons, after taking counsel with their superiors. In addition to these two knights the Chamberlains were served by another knight called the silverer (*argentarius*), or more correctly the weigher (*ponderator*), who was responsible for the assay of silver, and by the melter (*fusor*), who actually carried it out. These two latter officers appear, however, to have belonged to the Upper as much as to the Lower Exchequer. An usher of the Treasury and a watchman completed the staff of the Receipt in the twelfth century.

A payment into the Exchequer was made to one of the Tellers who wrote the amount and a brief note of the particulars on a slip of parchment called the Teller's Bill, which was the authority for striking the tally.‡ The Teller's Bill was entered by the Clerk of the Pells on

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\* Poole, *The Exchequer in the Twelfth Century*, p. 72.

† The term perhaps was used merely to show that these officials were not clerici.

‡ See the description *Tallies* below.

the Receipt Roll, called the *Pellis Introitus*, *Pellis Receptæ*, or Pell of Receipt. The earliest extant Receipt Roll of the Exchequer is preserved amongst the records of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer and is of the thirty-first year of Henry II.

Owing to the large extent of the revenue which the King derived from the Jews prior to their expulsion from England in 1290 a special class of Receipt Rolls was created to deal with the items of this revenue. These Jewish Receipt Rolls again subdivide into two classes according as they deal with (1) *tallages*, arbitrary exactions imposed at the King's pleasure on the whole community of the Jews, who were made to answer for one another, and if they made default on the days fixed for payment were heavily fined; (2) *finés* for licences of all kinds and *amercements* for misdemeanours, both assessed in the Jewish Plea Rolls, together with the collection of debts owing to the Jews. The Crown claimed ownership of all property belonging to the Jews and the right to resume it at any time, so that upon death or for such cause as the non-payment in full of a tallage, the public chests (*archæ*), in which from the time of Richard I the Jews were compelled to deposit all their bonds, would be opened and payment of these bonds be exacted by the Crown. It has been attempted to prove that there was a Jewish Exchequer, the *Scaccarium Judeorum*, quite distinct from the ordinary Exchequer, but it has been recently shown with more reason that except for purely legal purposes no such 'Exchequer of the Jews' ever existed and that the revenue from Jewish sources passed through the regular channels of receipt and audit of the Exchequer. The creation of a special class of rolls to deal with the Jewish receipts was merely a matter of official convenience, such as the special classes of patent rolls which were created in the Chancery to deal with French and Scottish affairs.\*

The *Issues* from the Exchequer were in earlier times made by virtue of a Writ or Mandate from the King under the Great or Privy Seal, directed sometimes to the Chief Justiciar and Barons, but most commonly to the Treasurer and Chamberlains of the Exchequer, the Writ most generally used in early times being called a Writ of Liberate. Until the closing years of the reign of King Edward IV an account of all moneys issued was entered by the Clerk of the Pells on the Issue Roll, called the *Pellis Exitus*, or Pell of Issue, stating by whom the sums were paid, and by what Warrant.

After the nineteenth year of King Edward IV the Pell of Issue appears to have been discontinued, possibly on the ground that the payment out of the Exchequer was already recorded on the Tellers' Rolls. This despite the fact that certain privy seals issued just subsequent to this year seem to point to the theory that the entry on the Pell of Issue was the only record of a payment out of the Exchequer whereby the Crown could be discharged.†

This abolition of the Pell of Issue appears to have resulted in the growth in importance of the office of the Writer of the Tallies, since the only method by which the Issues of the Exchequer could now be controlled was by the comparison of the Tellers' yearly accounts

\* H. Jenkinson on 'The Records of Exchequer Receipts from the English Jewry' in *Transactions of the Jewish Hist. Society of England*, VIII, pp. 19 sqq.

† L.T.R. Misc. Books 118, ff. 236, 237.



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with their vouchers and this was done by that officer.\* During the sixteenth century he came from these functions to acquire the title of Auditor of the Receipt, although officially he still seems to have remained the *Scriptor Talliarum*.†

All issues from the Exchequer were made by one of the Tellers upon an Order from the Auditor. This Order was made by authority of an Order or Warrant from the Lord Treasurer, whose authority was derived from the Crown expressed by Royal Sign Manual Warrant, by Letters Patent or by Privy Seal. The Writs of Privy Seal were of two kinds, one of which was final, directing the payment of a certain sum at a fixed time, the other, which directed several payments to be made from time to time, being called a Privy Seal *Current* or *Dormant*, several Orders being frequently grounded on a single Writ. Sometimes issues were made from the Royal Treasuries by way of *Prest* or *Imprest*, that is to say, money *advanced* for certain purposes for which the persons receiving it became accountable at the Exchequer of Account.

In and subsequent to the reign of Charles II an additional authority was issued by the Treasurer to the Auditor called a *Letter of Direction*, describing the particular funds out of which the money was to be paid, &c.

A brief attempt to revive the Pell of Issue was made between the ninth and twelfth years of Queen Elizabeth's reign, but that its final restoration was not brought about until 1597 appears to have been due to the jealous fears of the Auditor.

'This measure, which was one of the latest acts of Lord Treasurer Burghley, was so complete as to enable the Clerk of the Pells fully to control all the receipts and payments of the Tellers, and all the acts of the Auditor. He was authorised, not merely to record the fact of every issue, but to ascertain its correctness, by comparing every Debenture and every Order, with its respective authority under the Great Seal or the Privy Seal, and to mark it with his *recordatur*, before the money could be paid by the Tellers.'‡

From 1597 until the abolition of their respective offices in 1834 the distinction was recognised between them that whilst the Auditor *entered* and enrolled all letters patent and privy seals for the issue of the royal treasure, the Clerk of the Pells enrolled and *recorded* them. This distinction is observed in the Statute 8 and 9 Will. III, c. 28, 'An Act for the better observation of the Course anciently used in the Receipt of the Exchequer,' which clearly described the respective duties of the officers of that department.

The arrangements confirmed by that Act continued in force until the Act of 1783 (Stat. 23 Geo. III, c. 82), which abolished the offices of the two Chamberlains, the Tally Cutter and the Usher of the Exchequer. This Act, however, was not to come into force immediately,

\* See *Deputy Keeper's Report*, IV, ii, 179.

† In the record of the admissions of this Officer preserved in the Black Book of the Treasury of Receipt down to the year 1621 he is invariably styled *Scriptor Talliarum*. In letters and petitions to him preserved amongst the Miscellaneous Exchequer papers he is usually addressed as 'Mr. Auditor' and a minister's account for 1573-1574 refers to a mansion called St. Stephen's within the new Palace of Westminster appointed by the Queen for the use of the Auditor and Tellers of the Receipt (Min. Accts. Eliz. No. 1429, m. 42).

‡ *Deputy Keeper's Report*, IV, ii, 179, 180.

but upon the removal by death or otherwise of the then holders of the said offices. Tallies were then to be abolished and indented cheque receipts, made out by the officer of the Auditor attending in the Tally Court and by the officer of the Clerk of the Pells, substituted for them. It was not until 1826, upon the death of the last of the Chamberlains, that the duties of these officers were transferred to the Auditor and tallies were finally discontinued.

When the Tallies were discontinued, a Memorandum of the Teller's Bill sent into the Tally Court, called the *Bill of the Day*, was made by the Clerk of the Introitus, which was sent to the Principal Office to enable the Clerk of the Cash Book to charge the Tellers at the close of each day. An account of each head of the Revenue was also entered in the *Daily Receipt Book*, the moneys received by each Teller being kept distinct, and at the end of every week a total made of each branch of Revenue. A General Receipt Book was also kept, in which was inserted the total amount of Revenue received during the week, classed under heads, separating that of England and Scotland.

The ancient constitution of the Receipt of the Exchequer was abolished by Stat. 4 and 5 Wm. IV, cap. 15, the Auditor, Tellers, Clerk of the Pells and other subordinate officers being then replaced by a Controller-General of the Exchequer with an Assistant Controller and the necessary Clerks and Assistants.

### Receipts, Enrolments and Registers of.

14 John to 1866. 2,620 Rolls and Vols. This class consists of the following :—

RECEIPT ROLLS. 7 Richard I to 22 George III (Nos. 1 to 1,793). The Receipt Rolls, Pelles Receptæ, or Pells of Receipt were anciently engrossed from the ' Tellers' Bills,' or, before these were invented, from the Tallies, and subsequently from the Receipt Books, and contain copies of all the Tellers' Bills, &c., as thrown by them upon the table of the Tally Court on the payment of revenues into the Exchequer. Prior to the reign of Edward I the series of these Rolls is irregular, but from the first year of that reign to the 22nd of George III, when the engrossing of the Receipts on Rolls was discontinued, it is nearly perfect. Since Easter, 1782, the RECEIPT BOOKS are the only Records of the income of the Exchequer.

In the earliest Receipt Rolls the entries are arranged under Counties following the fashion of the Pipe Rolls, but from 21 Henry III the receipts begin to be given in the order in which the tallies which they record were issued. Prior to 1568 many of the Receipt Rolls are in duplicate and some in triplicate. This is due to the fact that several rolls were kept for the Treasurer and each of the Chamberlains.

Included amongst the Receipt Rolls are the special JEWS ROLLS (Nos. 1,564 to 1,610). These are 47 in number and contain accounts of the receipts (*a*) from the Tallages and (*b*) from the Fines and Amercements imposed on the Jews. They extend from 14 John to 23 Edward I. Other rolls of the

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receipts from Jews will be found amongst the ordinary Receipt Rolls.\*

The Receipt Rolls also include some special rolls relating to receipts from fifteenths and tenths and similar taxes, 19 Edward I to 11 Edward II, and other rolls of a somewhat miscellaneous nature.

The rolls have been recently re-arranged and re-numbered and a new MS. list of them prepared.

RECEIPT BOOKS (PELLS'). 1559 to 1834. (Nos. 1,794 to 2,279.) 486 Vols. These books contain copies of all the Tellers' Bills, as thrown down by them upon the table of the Tally Court on the payment of revenues into the Exchequer; stating the County or Place from which the revenue arose, the name of the Accountant rendering the same, the amount, and the name of the Teller to whose hands the money was paid. From these books the Receipt Rolls, of which they form the drafts or duplicates, were engrossed, and in default or absence of the roll the book serves authoritatively as the Pell of Receipt. The enrolling of the Receipts being discontinued in the year 1782, from that date to the year 1834 the Receipt Books form the only record of the Income of the Exchequer. From the year 1641 each book (with few exceptions, including the period from 1713 to 1731) is furnished with an Index.

*Description and Inventory.* Report III, App. II, pp. 156-169; and Report IV, App. II, pp. 165, 166. (A Calendar of certain Privy Seals from 1666 to 1670, enrolled in No. 2,278 of this series, is printed in Report IV, App. II, p. 208.)

ABBREVIATES OF RECEIPTS (PELLS'). 1562 to 1642. (Nos. 2,280 to 2,348.) 69 Vols. These books contain abridged entries of all payments of Revenues into the Exchequer, very briefly extracted out of the Receipt Book.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report III, App. II, pp. 170-173; and Report VII, App. II, p. 213.

RECEIPT BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). 1570 to 1709. (Nos. 2,349 to 2,476.) 128 Vols. These contain an account of all Payments into the Exchequer for every half year, under the names of the several Tellers receiving the same, and subdivided under the several species of Revenue so received.

They form an almost perfect series from 1570 to 1642 inclusive, with three books of the time of the Commonwealth, five of the reign of Charles II and one of that of Queen Anne.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II; pp. 237-243.

RECEIPT BOOKS called 'BILLS OF THE DAY' (AUDITOR'S), or 'Daily Receipt Books.' 1801 to 1866 (Nos. 2,477 to 2,528); 52 Vols. From 1834 to 1866 these Books were continued by the Controller-General of the Exchequer.

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\* See a paper on 'The Records of Exchequer Receipts from the English Jewry,' by Mr. Hilary Jenkinson (*Trans. of the Jewish Hist. Soc. of England*, VIII, 19 sqq.), where on pp. 32-37 is printed a complete list of all the Receipt Rolls relating to the Jews.



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- ACCOUNTS OF THE REVENUE. 1786 to 1834. (Nos. 2,529 to 2,551.) 23 Vols. These are the Yearly, Quarterly and Weekly Accounts of the Revenue made from the Exchequer to the Lords of the Treasury.
- ENTRY BOOKS OF RECEIPTS IN THE TALLY COURT (AUDITOR'S). 1833 and 1834. (Nos. 2,552 to 2,555.) 4 Vols.
- ACCOUNT BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). 1782 to 1834. (Nos. 2,556 to 2,582.) 27 Vols. Account Books of the Funded Debt. Each volume has an Index.
- LOANS ON PRIVY SEALS: REGISTERS OF RECEIPTS AND REPAYMENTS. 1597 to 1686. (Nos. 2,583 to 2,590.) 8 Vols.
- REGISTERS OF SUBSCRIBERS TO LOANS AND ANNUITIES. 1696 to 1847. (Nos. 2,591 to 2,598.) 8 Vols.
- REGISTER OF BENEFICIARIES IN A LOTTERY. 1712. (Nos. 2,599, 2,600.) 2 Vols.
- CONSOLIDATED FUND BOOKS. 1757 to 1834. (Nos. 2,601 to 2,616.) 16 Vols., containing Accounts of the income of the Consolidated Fund and of the charges thereon.
- STATISTICAL TABLES RELATING TO FUNDED DEBT. 1810 to 1814. (No. 2,617.) Printed.
- PAPERS RELATING TO CONSOLIDATED FUND. 1809 to 1834. (Nos. 2,618 to 2,620.) Original letters touching payments out of the Fund, &c.

**Receipts, Original.**

47 Boxes and Bundles. These consist of :—

TALLIES. (Nos. 1 to 3.) 3 Boxes. The medieval practice as to these is described in the *Dialogus*, and the early tallies which now exist exemplify the system of cutting the notches as is therein set out.\* At some date before the final abolition of tallies, probably from the 16th century, the following elaborate procedure was evolved with regard to them. When any money was to be paid into the Exchequer by a Sheriff or other Accountant the proper place was at the Office of the four *Tellers* or *Numeratores Scaccarii* in the Exchequer of Receipt. There the amount was entered in a book, and immediately transcribed on a slip of parchment called a *Bill* or *Tellers' Bill*, and thrown down a pipe into the Tally Court, where a *Tally* was struck or levied. A *Tally* was a stick (generally of hazel), prepared by an Officer called the Tally Cutter, on which notches were cut indicating the sum specified in the *Tellers' Bill*, while other details were written on two sides of it by the Tally Writer, and it was then split lengthways through the notches, one of the parts being retained by the Chamberlains of the Exchequer and the other given to the party paying in the money in order to be used in his discharge at the Exchequer of Account, where the Tallies on which allowance was claimed were carefully compared with the Counter-Tallies from the Chamberlains' Office.

\* See the paper on 'Exchequer Tallies,' by Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, in *Archæologia* LXII, 367 seq.

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By Stat. 23 Geo. III, cap. 82, Tallies were directed to be abolished, and indented Check Receipts to be substituted, but this did not come into operation till the removal of the Chamberlains in 1826.

In 1834 the Tallies remaining in the Exchequer were directed to be burnt. A collection of some hundreds of the more ancient ones, which escaped this burning and were recently found in the Chapel of the Pyx at Westminster, was transferred to the Public Record Office in 1908.

**TELLERS' BILLS.** Henry VI to George III. (Nos. 4 to 47.) 44 Bundles, containing the original 'Tellers' Bills,' or accounts of money paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer, on narrow slips of parchment. These were entered by the Auditor and afterwards recorded by the Clerk of the Pells in his Receipt Books.

**Issues, Enrolments and Registers of.**

Hen. III to 1834. 3,094 Rolls and Vols. This class consists of the following :—

**ISSUE ROLLS.** 5 Hen. III to 1797. (Nos. 1 to 1,692.) The *Issue Rolls*, *Pelles Exitus* or *Pells of Issue*, contain the entries of all payments made out of the Revenues of the Crown by the Lord High Treasurer and the Chamberlains of the Exchequer, commencing in the reign of Henry III, and being continued in a regular series to the end of the reign of Edward IV. From the reign of Edward IV to that of Elizabeth the regular engrossing of the rolls appears to have ceased, being, however, re-established in the latter reign, and thence continued until 1797, after which date the entries are in Books.\*

As with the Receipt Rolls, the early Issue Rolls are frequently in duplicate and occasionally in triplicate, due to the fact that separate rolls were kept by the Treasurer and each of the Chamberlains.

A translation of the Issue Roll of 34 Edward III, and a volume of extracts from the Issue Rolls from Henry III to Henry VI, were published under the editorship of F. Devon in 1835 and 1837 respectively.

Included amongst the Issue Rolls are the **LIBERATE ROLLS**, 5 Henry III to 34 Edward I (Nos. 1,200 to 1,288). These rolls contain entries of the precepts to the officers of the Exchequer directing the payment of sums of money. Entries of Issues by Writs and of Writs of Liberate for some of the years of Henry III will be found on the back of the Receipt Rolls of those years.

The Issue Rolls include also some rolls of *Protecolla* of the Treasurer for the reign of Edward III (Nos. 1,289 to 1,304), some supplementary rolls of a special character, Henry III to Henry VII (Nos. 1,305 to 1,329) and the special series of Issue Rolls recording payments on account of Exchequer **ANNUITIES** from 8 William III to 35 George III (Nos. 1,330 to 1,692).

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\* Accounts of the Issues during the period for which the Issue Rolls are wanting will be found on the Tellers' Rolls.

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**ISSUE BOOKS (PELLS').** 1597 to 1834. (Nos. 1,693 to 2,146.)

These Books contain entries of all payments made at the Receipt of the Exchequer, and are in fact duplicates, or rather drafts, of the Issue Rolls since the final re-establishment of the Record of Expenditure called the 'Pell of Issue.'

As all payments were made either upon *Debentures* (which are grounded on Letters Patent), or upon *Orders* (which are grounded on Letters of Privy Seal), the entries consist of the whole tenor of one and of the substance of the other, respectively. They were set down in the same manner as the entries in the Receipt Books, day by day, as the several authorities for payment were presented; for no money could be paid by any Teller until the Clerk of the Pells had testified the recording of the Issue, by writing his *Recordatur*, with the date of the entry in his Book or Roll, on the Debenture or Order by virtue of which the payment was to be made.

From the year 1654 onwards with a few exceptions each Volume is furnished with an Index and the Books are thereby rendered more consultable than the Issue Rolls.

When the engrossing of the Issue Rolls ceased they became the principal record or 'Pell' itself; and therefore, from and after Easter Term, 1797, are the only authentic Records of the expenditure of the Exchequer.

*Description and Inventory.* Report III, App. II, pp. 175-187; Report VII, App. II, p. 213.

**IMPREST BOOKS (PELLS').** 1569 to 1678. (Nos. 2,147 to 2,157.) 11 Vols., called 'Imprest Certificate Books.'

**IMPREST BOOKS (PELLS').** 1682 to 1790 and 1826 to 1834. (Nos. 2,158 to 2,172.) 15 Vols. These Books contain entries by the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer of the sums paid to various public officers by way of 'Imprest' or Advance (of which they were to render an account), to be by them disbursed in their respective Departments, pursuant to the authorities therein specified. The last volume is in tabular form, and appears to bear a closer relation to the series called 'General Imprest Rolls.' There is an *Index Nominum* at the end of each volume except the last.

*Description and Inventory.* Report VII, App. II, pp. 215-218.

**GENERAL IMPREST ROLLS (AUDITOR'S).** 1788 to 1834. (Nos. 2,173 to 2,179.) 7 Vols. These contain short entries of the issues week by week, mentioning to whom and for what purpose, but not giving the authority for the payment.

**DEBENTURE BOOKS (AUDITOR'S).** 1619 to 1834. (Nos. 2,180 to 2,258.) 79 Vols. with an Index at the end of each. They contain entries of payments upon Debentures issued in respect of Salaries and Annuities payable at the Exchequer.

*Descriptive Catalogue* (1619 to 1691). Report V, App. II, pp. 295-299.

**TELLERS' VIEWS OF PAYMENTS AND ISSUES.** 1569 to 1608. (Nos. 2,259 to 2,291.) 33 Vols. Yearly Views of the Payments



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of Fees, Salaries, Annuities, and Pensions, by the four Tellers of the Exchequer, forming the 'Auditor's Accounts of Payments upon Debentures.'

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 243-246.

BOOKS OF PAYMENTS BY ROYAL WARRANT. 1559 to 1586. (Nos. 2,292 to 2,308.) 17 thin Vols., entitled 'Solutiones factæ per Warranta Reginæ per Numeratores Scaccarii,' containing abstracts of all payments out of the Exchequer by Writs of Privy Seal, Warrants, &c., reduced under distinct heads according to the several kinds of Warrants issued.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 246-247.

CASH BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). 1800 to 1834. (Nos. 2,309 to 2,343.) 35 Vols.

SUPPLY CASH BOOKS. 1817 to 1833. (Nos. 2,344 to 2,361.) 18 Vols., containing apparently entries of the Supplies for the various Public Departments. Down to 1823 each volume has an Index.

REGISTERS OF FEES, ANNUITIES AND PENSIONS. 1558 to 1698. (Nos. 2,362 to 2,370.) 37 Vols. (in 9 Bundles), entitled 'Breviates of Fees and Annuities payable at the Exchequer.' The series is very imperfect, there being no registers between 1574 and 1600, and 1628 and 1697.

REGISTERS OF GRANTS OF ANNUITIES, &c. 1558 to 1650. (No. 2,371.) 5 small vols.

REGISTERS OF ASSURANCES, WILLS, &c., RELATING TO ANNUITIES. 1681-1718. (Nos. 2,372 to 2,378.) 7 Vols., with an Index in each.

CERTIFICATES OF SUMS RECEIVED FOR THE PURCHASE OF ANNUITIES. 1698. (No. 2,379.) 1 File.

CIVIL LIST ISSUES. 1812 to 1834. (Nos. 2,380 to 2,386.) 7 Vols., containing a summary of the Revenue set apart to be applied for the Civil List.

CIVIL LIST ESTABLISHMENT, IRELAND. 1709 to 1715. (No. 2,387.) 1 Vol.

LEDGER OF SALARIES, PENSIONS, &c. 1806 to 1826. (Nos. 2,388, 2,389.) 2 Vols.

REGISTERS OF SALARIES AND PENSIONS. 1600 to 1625, 1709 and 1782 to 1834. (Nos. 2,390 to 2,396.) 7 Vols., including two of Orders for Pensions paid by Lord Thurlow (1782 to 1808), two of Civil List Pensions (1829 to 1833) and one relating to Ambassadors (1832 to 1834).

REGISTERS OF WARRANTS FOR PENSIONS. 1821 to 1834. (Nos. 2,397 to 2,402.) 6 Vols.

REGISTERS OF DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARIES, &c., FOR TAXES. 1738 to 1790. (No. 2,403.) 8 small Vols.

REGISTERS OF DEBENTURES FOR SALARIES AND PENSIONS. 1700 to 1708 and 1820 to 1834. (Nos. 2,404 to 2,414.) 11 Vols.

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These include debentures for the salaries of the servants of George III and Queen Charlotte.

REGISTERS OF CERTIFICATES, REPORTS, &C., RELATING TO SALARIES AND PENSIONS. 1637 to 1704. (Nos. 2,415, 2,416.) 2 Vols.

CERTIFICATES OF EXISTENCE. 1578 to 1724. (No. 2,417 (1).) 1 small parcel. These relate to persons entitled to salaries or pensions from the Crown.

APPORTIONMENT OF ANNUITIES TO THE SOUTH SEA COMPANY AND THE BANK OF ENGLAND. 1731 to 1737. (No. 2,417 (2).) 1 small Vol.

RETURNS AS TO SALARIES AND PENSIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE. 1828 to 1834. (Nos. 2,418, 2,419.) 2 Vols., with an Index in the first.

PAYMENT BOOKS FOR THE PRIVY PURSE, WARDROBE AND HOUSEHOLD, ARMY, &C. 1571 to 1593. (Nos. 2,420 to 2,429.) 10 Vols.

REGISTERS OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENTS. 1666 to 1679, 1692, 1795 to 1832. (Nos. 2,430 to 2,440.) 11 Vols. These include registers for the period 1666 to 1679 and the year 1692 of orders for the payment of moneys out of the proceeds of certain specific loans and taxes; some small entry books of Orders for pensions by sign manual, 1795 to 1821; and note books of Orders sent to the Treasury, 1817 to 1832.

IMPREST BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). 1819 to 1834. (Nos. 2,441 to 2,443.) 3 Vols. These are similar in character to the Pells Imprest Books described above and help to fill a gap in that series.

PATENT AND PRIVY SEAL BOOKS AND ROLLS. In this series are enrolled all Letters Patent granting offices, annuities, pensions, or honours to which pecuniary emoluments were attached, and also Privy Seals and Warrants for the payment of money out of the Exchequer. Amongst these will be found Enrolment Books of the Letters of Privy Seal issued by Oliver and Richard Cromwell during the Commonwealth, and of the 'Letters Patent for Fees and Annuities' granted by Charles I at Oxford from 1643 to 1646, and of Letters Patent under the Great Seals of Oliver and Richard Cromwell, and in the name of 'The Keepers of the Liberties of England,' from 1654 to 1660 inclusive. The Books, &c., each of which with a few exceptions contains an Index of names, are classified as follows:—

(a) PATENT BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). (Nos. 2,444 to 2,511.)

*First Series.* 1509 to 1834. 56 Vols. These are Entry Books of Letters Patent granting *Offices, Pensions and Honours* with *pecuniary emoluments*.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* 1509 to 1663. Report II, App. II, pp. 205–209.

An Index Nominum of four volumes in this series covering the period from 1538 to 1553 (Nos. 2,447 to 2,450), is printed in Report XLIX, pp. 360 to 375.

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*Second Series.* 1599 to 1696. 12 Vols., called 'Auditor's Patents for Tallies,' containing entries of Letters Patent relating to *Grants of or from the Revenues of the Crown*, or charges thereupon, *Crown Leases*, *Annuities*, and other Patents.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 209–211.

- (b) PATENT BOOKS (PELLS'). 1597 to 1834. (Nos. 2,512 to 2,557.) 46 Vols. These are Books of Enrolment of Letters Patent, Royal Sign Manual Warrants for Pensions, Treasury Constitutions and Appointments to Offices, kept by the Clerk of the Pells.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report IV, App. II, pp. 179–186.

A *Calendar* of the contents of Vols. 11 and 12 of this Series (Nos. 2,522, 2,523), extending from 1643 to 1646 and from 1654 to 1660 respectively, is printed in Report IV, App. II, pp. 187–200.

- (c) PRIVY SEAL BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). 1 Henry VII to 14 Henry VIII (1 Vol.)\*; and 1570 to 1834 (32 Vols.), (Nos. 2,558 to 2,589.) These are similar Entry Books to those of the Clerk of the Pells.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 211–219; and Report V, App. II, p. 291.

- (d) ENROLMENTS OF PRIVY SEALS, ASSIGNMENTS, WARRANTS AND LETTERS OF ATTORNEY (AUDITOR'S). 1620 to 1707. (Nos. 2,590 to 2,596.) 7 Vols.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 219–221.

- (e) PRIVY SEAL BOOKS (PELLS'). 1597 to 1834. (Nos. 2,597 to 2,654.) 59 Vols. These volumes contain entries of all the Letters of Privy Seal addressed to the Treasurer and Chamberlains of the Exchequer, directing the payment of any money out of the Receipt of the Exchequer, and also of the Royal Warrants grounded thereon. Similar Entry Books or Books of Enrolment were also kept by the Auditors of the Exchequer.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report IV, App. II, pp. 201–208. (No. 2,608 contains the Privy Seals of *Oliver* and *Richard Cromwell*, a *Calendar* of which is printed in Report V, App. II, pp. 245–277.)

- (f) POSTING BOOKS (PELLS').

*First Series.* 1597 to 1628, called 'Breviates of Issues upon Letters of Privy Seal' or 'Privy Seals, Dormant.' (Nos. 2,655 to 2,674.) 20 Vols. A large proportion of the payments made out of the Exchequer being made by virtue of Privy Seals which were not satisfied by a single payment, but operated as the authority for *successive payments* at intervals, the Clerk of the Pells *posted* into a book, under the names of the individuals, offices, departments, or services referred to, abstracts of all the Privy Seals then in force, with references to the places

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\* This is a *Register* of Writs of Great and Privy Seal.



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of their enrolment in his 'Privy Seal Book,' the payments made thereon from time to time being specified in the margin. He was thus enabled to ascertain how far every Privy Seal was satisfied, and whether there remained sufficient of the original sum specified therein to warrant any payment directed by an Order on that authority. Such Privy Seals as did not *expire* in a single issue were technically described as *dormant*; they were not *dead*, but *sleeping*. Hence, these books have been called 'Dormant Privy Seals'; though, as they contain Abstracts only of these documents, which are entered in full in the 'Privy Seal Books,' the name 'Posting Books,' by which the more modern books of a similar nature were known in the Pells Office, has been thought to describe them more clearly. They furnish a convenient and comprehensive clue to the contents of the Issue Roll, and, omitting the ordinary payments of salaries and pensions, exhibit all the great expenditure of the Crown for purposes naval and military, domestic and foreign.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report IV, App. II, pp. 169–171.

*Second Series.* 1718 to 1834. (Nos. 2,675 to 2,690.) 16 Vols. These Books contain brief entries of all Payments on Debentures arranged under the names of the several Grantees, including those to Members of the Royal Family, the Salaries of the various Officers of the Treasury and Exchequer, of Judges and Law Officers, of Secretaries of State, Political and Foreign Ministers, &c., &c., and of Perpetuities and Pensions. There is an *Index Nominum* at the end of each volume.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report IV, App. II, pp. 175–179.

- (g) PATENT ROLLS (AUDITOR'S). 7 to 17 James I. (Nos. 2,691 to 2,699.) 9 Rolls.

*Inventory.* Report VII, App. II, p. 29.

- (h) PRIVY SEAL ROLLS (AUDITOR'S). 9 to 17 James I. (Nos. 2,700 to 2,705.) 6 Rolls.

*Inventory.* Report VII, App. II, p. 31.

- (i) PATENT AND PRIVY SEAL ROLLS (PELLS'). 2 to 17 James I. (Nos. 2,706 to 2,711.) 6 Rolls.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report IV, App. II, pp. 210, 211.

- (j) ENTRIES OF PATENTS AND PRIVY SEALS FOR PAYMENTS ON BARONETS' TALLIES, &c. James I to James II. (Nos. 2,712 to 2,720.) 9 Vols, containing accounts of the sums paid by various persons for Patents of Baronetcy.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report V, App. II, pp. 278–280.

ORDER BOOKS (PELLS'). 1597 to 1698. (Nos. 2,721 to 2,801.) 81 Vols. These are Entry Books containing the substance of the Orders and Warrants made from time to time by the Lord

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Treasurer directing payments to be made by the Tellers of the Exchequer in pursuance of Writs of Privy Seal. The Privy Seal being a Warrant to the Treasurer, and not to the Tellers, the Lord Treasurer on receipt of such a Writ, or of a Warrant from the Sovereign or the Privy Council grounded on or referring to one, found it necessary to charge some Teller to issue and pay the whole or part of the sum therein specified, as the case might require ; thus many Orders were frequently made upon the Privy Seal or Warrant.

These Orders were signed by the Lord Treasurer and Under-Treasurer, or, in later times, by three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, but were not complete even when thus signed until subscribed with direction to some Teller by name for the payment of the whole or part of the sum specified out of some particular branch of the Revenue ; for which purpose a *Letter of Direction* was sent to the Auditor from the Treasury specifying the Revenue upon which the sum was to be charged. Thus the original Order was to the Teller as a cheque to a banker, and (together with the Receipt of the person to whom the money was paid) was retained among his Vouchers until his Account was examined by the Auditor, with whom it was finally lodged. No Order was, however, permitted to be paid by any Teller until it had been recorded in the ' Order Books ' of the Pells Office.

These Books are of great use in facilitating researches for payments which are valuable for historical purposes, inasmuch as, although the Privy Seal Books afford the original authority for the miscellaneous expenditure of the Crown, the evidence of the actual payments made thereon must be sought either in the Issue Rolls or Books, or, which is much better, in the Order Books, from which all payments of salaries and annuities are excluded, the labour of searching being thereby much reduced.

*Description and Inventory.* Report VI, App. II, pp. 221-226.

[Selections from the Order Books above described during the reign of James I, which include many curious and important entries, have been printed in 1 Vol. 8vo., entitled *Issues of the Exchequer, James I*, edited by F. Devon.]

ORDER BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). 1619 to 1678, and 1697. (Nos. 2,802 to 2,830.) 29 Vols. These books are similar in their contents to those of the Pells Office, but slightly different in form.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 228-231 ; and Report V, App. II, pp. 299, 300.

ORDER BOOKS (*Series II*), called ' Issue Books.' 1760 to 1834. (Nos. 2,831 to 2,980.) 150 Vols. Each volume contains an Index.

WARRANT BOOKS (PELLS'). 1617 to 1790. (Nos. 2,981 to 3,025.) 45 Vols. These contain Entries of the Warrants of the successive Lord Treasurers and Under-Treasurers (1) for striking Tallies ; (2) for drawing Orders and Debentures for Issues, being the Ordinary Money Warrants ; (3) for Issues out of the Royal Aid and other special Revenues ; (4) for the payment of Interest

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on Bankers' Loans; (5) for the payment of Arrears to the Servants, &c., of Charles II; (6) relative to the Funds of the South Sea Company; and (7) relative to payments out of the Sales of Forfeited Estates. There is an Index in each volume.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report V, App. II, pp. 280–289.

**WARRANT BOOKS (AUDITOR'S)** 1626 to 1790. (Nos. 3,026 to 3,094.) 69 Vols. These are the Auditor's Entry Books of Warrants of various kinds in several series.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 221–228. (See also Report V, App. II, p. 292.)

**Issues, Writs and Warrants for.**

Hen. II to 1837. 619 Parcels, &c. This class consists of the following:—

**PRIVY SEALS AND WARRANTS FOR ISSUES.** Henry II to William IV. (Nos. 1 to 228.) 228 Parcels. Prior to 1 Henry IV the series is very imperfect.

**TREASURY ORDERS AND WARRANTS.** 1547 to 1794. (Nos. 229 to 250.) 22 Portfolios. Original Orders and Warrants to the Tellers of the Exchequer for payments bearing the signatures of the Lord High Treasurer and others.

**TREASURY LETTERS.** 1793 to 1834. (Nos. 251 to 283.) 33 Vols., containing original Letters of direction from the Treasury to the Auditor of the Exchequer. See **ORDER BOOKS** above.

**WARRANTS, ORIGINAL.** 1794 to 1834. (Nos. 284 to 378.) 95 Vols., containing Original Royal and Treasury Warrants for the Issue of Money at the Receipt of the Exchequer. With a few exceptions each of these volumes contains an Index.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report VIII, App. II, pp. 193–198.

**ORDERS (AUDITOR'S),** entitled 'MODERN TELLERS' VOUCHERS.' 1560 to 1669, and 1701 to 1834. (Nos. 379 to 459.) The original orders, contained in 81 Parcels.

**COMMON DEBENTURES.** 1803 to 1834. (Nos. 460 to 480.) 21 Parcels. These are the original debentures with the receipts attached, the payments upon which are entered in the Auditor's Debenture Books.

**WARDROBE DEBENTURES, &c.** Various dates (Edward I and later, but chiefly Edward III). (Nos. 481 to 516.) 36 Boxes. These consist of original Debentures or Notes of sums owing in the Great Wardrobe, which were paid at the Exchequer of Receipt, the Debenture being thereupon cancelled and retained as a voucher. They were formerly amongst the Records of the Treasury of the Receipt of the Exchequer and are noticed in Report XXI, App., p. 25. The payments are recorded on the Issue Rolls, the Debentures or Warrants being described as 'Bills of the Wardrobe.' In addition to the Wardrobe Debentures proper these records consist of vouchers and other documents subsidiary to the accounts of the Wardrobe and the Receipt of the Exchequer. Those with the best seals have been taken out to form the series of **Ancient Deeds WS** (see page 213), but many good duplicates still remain in this class.



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### RECEIPTS (ORIGINAL).

- (a) Various. 1572 to 1832. (Nos. 517 to 524.) 8 Parcels. These consist of autograph receipts for payments of loans on privy seal (1572), receipts by Members of Parliament for their allowances (1645), receipts for tontine and other annuities (1706 to 1832) and a parcel of sheriffs' receipts (1824 to 1832).
- (b) for Sign Manual Pensions. 1790 to 1834. (Nos. 525 to 563.) 39 Parcels.
- (c) for George III's Pensions. 1825 to 1834. (Nos. 564 to 578.) 15 Parcels.
- (d) for Queen Charlotte's Pensions. 1819 to 1834. (Nos. 579 to 587.) 9 Parcels.
- (e) for the Princess Dowager and Queen Caroline's Pensions. 1782 to 1834. (Nos. 588 to 591.) 4 Parcels.
- (f) for the African Company's Pensions. 1825 to 1834. (No. 592.) 1 Parcel.
- (g) for Pensions to Ambassadors and others. 1831, 1832. (No. 593.) 1 Parcel.
- (h) for Lord Gage's Pensions. 1784 to 1830. (Nos. 594, 595.) 2 Parcels.
- (i) for Lottery Officers' Pensions. 1827 to 1834. (No. 596.) 1 Parcel.
- (j) for Pensions to the Poor of St. Martin's. 1819 to 1831. (No. 597.) 1 Parcel.
- (k) for Vaudois Pensions. 1783 to 1822 (No. 598.) 1 Parcel.
- (l) for Various Pensions. 1700 to 1837. (Nos. 599 to 607.) 9 Parcels.
- (m) for various Payments. 1558 to 1832. (Nos. 608 to 617.) 10 Parcels.

ORDERS (FOR 'PERMANENT CHARITIES'). 1789 to 1808. (No. 618.) A parcel of loose documents, filling up the chasms in Lord Thurlow's volumes (see above, p. 186).

ORDERS (ORIGINAL) FOR PAYMENTS. 1660 to 1760. (No. 619.) 1 Parcel.

### Receipts and Issues, Rolls, &c., of.

21 Edw. I to 1834. 562 Vols. and Rolls. This class consists of the following:—

JORNALIA ROLLS. 21 Edward I to 10 Edward II. (No. 1.) 58 Rolls. These contain entries of the total amount of the Receipts and Issues of the Exchequer, day by day, and week by week.

TELLERS' BOOKS OR ROLLS. 3 Henry IV to 16 Charles I. (Nos. 2 to 182.) 181 Rolls. These are the Rolls of Accounts of Receipts and Issues kept by the four Tellers of the Exchequer. They are valuable as supplying information for periods when the Issue Rolls are wanting.

DECLARATIONS OF THE STATE OF THE TREASURY (UNDERTREASURER'S). 23 Hen. VII to 5 Edw. VI. (Nos. 183 to 212.) 30 Vols.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 195-199.

**Receipts and Issues, Rolls, &c., of—(continued).**

CERTIFICATE BOOKS (PELLS'). 1611 to 1670. (Nos. 213 to 221. 9 Vols. These consist of entries of the Certificates, made weekly or otherwise, of the Receipts, Issues, and 'Remains' of the four Tellers of the Exchequer, showing the precise state of the revenue and expenditure from week to week. Brief entries of 'Tellers' Remains,' or the sums remaining in the hands of the four Tellers, are also contained in the 'POSTING BOOKS' (see above, pp. 188, 189).

*Description and Inventory.* Report VI, App. II, pp. 243-246.

CERTIFICATE BOOKS, CALLED 'TELLERS' WEEKLY CERTIFICATE BOOKS.' (Nos. 222 to 240 and 562.) 1610 to 1665 (14 Vols.) and 1831 to 1835 (5 Vols.).

*Descriptive Catalogue.* (First 14 Vols.) Report II, App. II, pp. 231-233.

DECLARATION BOOKS (PELLS'). 1555 to 1792. (Nos. 241 to 378 138 Vols. Half-yearly Declarations of the Receipts and Issues of the Exchequer, made by the Clerk of the Pells.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report VI, App. II, pp. 230-243.

DECLARATION BOOKS (SUPPLEMENTARY.) 10 to 18 Eliz. (Nos. 379 to 387.) 9 Vols.

DECLARATION BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). 1625 to 1690. (Nos. 388 to 418.) 31 Vols. Brief Declarations of the Receipts and Issues of the Exchequer, and of the state thereof, as certified to the Lord Treasurer by the Auditor of the Receipt, in half-yearly volumes.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 235-237.

TELLERS' VIEWS OF ACCOUNTS. 1 Eliz. to 9 James I. (Nos. 419 to 456.) 38 Vols., of which that for the year 1585-6 consists of the cover only. These are Views (otherwise called 'Brief Declarations') of the Receipts and Issues of the four Tellers as certified to the Lord Treasurer by the Auditor of the Receipt.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report II, App. II, pp. 233-234.

CERTIFICATE BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). 1704 to 1834. (Nos. 457 to 476.) 20 Vols.

ACCOUNTS OF RECEIPTS AND ISSUES. Henry VII to 1714. (Nos. 477 to 561.) 85 rough Entry Books of Receipts and Issues.

**Assignments and Exchequer Bills.**

1622 to 1862. 222 Vols. This class consists of the following :

ASSIGNMENT BOOKS (GOLDSMITHS'). (Nos. 1 to 26.)

*First Series.* 1678 to 1688. 15 Vols.

*Second Series.* 1676 to 1713. 11 Vols.

In the year 1677 great loans were advanced to the Government by the 'Goldsmiths' or Bankers of London on the credit of the hereditary revenue of the Excise, to pay the interest of which terminable Annuities were secured and charged upon that Revenue, by Letters Patent granted to the several contractors or principal creditors, who in their turn made

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Assignments of divers portions of those Annuities to the persons who had contributed to such Loans. The foregoing are Entry Books of these Assignments; in Series I the Assignments are entered in chronological order, and in Series II they are collected under the names of the individual bankers to whom the original Assignments were made by the Crown. Each volume contains an Index.

*Description and Inventory.* (First Series.) Reports IV, App. II, pp. 166, 167; and V, App. II, pp. 245, 246.

ASSIGNMENT BOOKS (PELLS'). 1677 to 1704. (Nos. 27 to 44.) 18 Vols. These are called 'Bankers' Assignments,' and contain entries of Deeds, Wills, and Administrations relative to the transfer of shares in the interest of the Loans made to King Charles II by several Bankers, and payable at the Exchequer. Each volume is indexed.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* Report VI, App. II, pp. 227-230.

ASSIGNMENT BOOKS (AUDITOR'S). 1622 to 1834. (Nos. 45 to 80.) 36 Vols. These contain the Deeds of Assignment, whereby pensions, annuities, and other payments out of the Exchequer were alienated in whole or in part; and also Letters of Attorney, Letters of Administration, and Probates of Wills, with other like documents, as recorded in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt.

From 1791 to 1834 these Volumes are in two series, the first (Nos. 68 to 75) containing the Letters of Attorney, whilst the Assignment Books form the second series (Nos. 76 to 80).

All these volumes contain an Index and in addition there is a separate Index in 4 Vols., entitled 'Alphabet to Powers of Attorney, &c.,' for the period 1761 to 1834.

*Inventory.* 1622-1834. Report VII, App. II, p. 32.

*Descriptive Catalogue.* 1622-1738. Report V, App. II, pp. 292-295.

WARRANTS OF ATTORNEY. 1745 to 1787 and 1801 to 1829. (Nos. 81 to 88.) 8 Vols. These contain Powers from various Public Officers to enable a third party to receive their salaries at the Receipt of the Exchequer.

EXCHEQUER BILLS, CERTIFICATES OF. 1666 to 1862. (Nos. 89 to 144.) 56 Vols., called 'Certificates of Exchequer Bills issued.'

Do. Do. (Nos. 145 to 152.) 1714 to 1726. Entitled 'Certificates of Exchequer Bills authorized to be issued by Parliament' (anno 1697, anno 1720, and anno 1723, respectively). 8 Vols.

Do. ISSUE BOOKS OF. 1744 to 1834, and of various dates from 1697 to 1855. (Nos. 153 to 178.) 26 Vols., consisting of Entry Books of the Weekly Issues on Exchequer Bills.

Do. Do. (Second Series), 1778 to 1833. (Nos. 179 to 196.) 18 Vols., called 'Issue Books.'

Do. REGISTERS OF. 1793-1794. (Nos. 197 to 205.) 9 Vols.



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EXCHEQUER BILLS. ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS RELATING TO. 1697 to 1731 and 1722-3. (No. 206.) 1 Vol.

Do. WARRANTS AND CONTRACTS FOR. 1696 to 1834. (Nos. 207 to 221.) 15 Vols. The volumes covering the period from 1713 to 1753 have each an Index inserted.

Do. PAYMASTER'S CERTIFICATES. 1830 to 1834. (No. 222.) 1 Vol.

**Miscellanea.**

Hen. III to Vict. 180 Bundles and Vols. This class consists of the following :—

GENTLEMEN PENSIONERS' ROLLS. 4 and 5 Philip and Mary to 49 George III. (Nos. 1 and 2.) 187 Rolls containing yearly or quarterly accounts of the Wages due at the Receipt of the Exchequer to the Captain and other Officers and to the Band of 'Gentlemen Pensioners' whose names are specified with the amount due to each.

IRISH MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. 42 Eliz. to 21 James I. (No. 3.) 10 Rolls.

JEWEL ROLLS. 42 and 43 Eliz. (No. 4.) 6 Rolls being accounts of the jewels, plate, &c., sold for the Queen's use.

MISCELLANEOUS ROLLS. Henry III to George III. (Nos. 5 to 9.) About 80 rolls, many of them small or imperfect accounts of receipts, issues, imprests or the like. Amongst the series may be noted more particularly the following :—

Payments to Officers of the Exchequer of Receipt, 1 Edw. II. List of Ornaments in the Chapel of Thomas, Duke of Gloucester, temp. Hen. IV.

Writs for levying Queen Margaret's dower on certain resumed lands, 26-31 Hen. VI.

Receipts of the Duchy of Lancaster, 6-10 Hen. VII.

Accounts of the receiver of fines on alienations, 42 Eliz. and 18 Chas. I to 1652.

Copies of bonds for payments by France to England discharged in 1612.

Contracts as to pay of forces in the Low Countries and clothing for the same, 4 and 6 James I.

Schedule of the credits and debts of Brian O'Rorke, 21 James I.

Compositions for Knights' fees in Cumberland and Yorkshire, 5-16 Chas. I.

Account of the under keeper of Marylebone Park, 19-20 Chas. I.

Accounts of personal expenses of the King while a prisoner, 23 and 24 Chas. I.

Account of the duty on French shipping, 26-29 Chas. II.

Account of the Governor of Tangiers, 33-35 Chas. II.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND PAPERS. Henry VII to Victoria. (Nos. 10 to 180.) Amongst these may be noted the following :—

Acquittance or Receipt Books, 1629-32 and 1693-1706. 2 Vols. (Nos. 10 and 11.) These contain the Acquittances

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MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND PAPERS—(continued).

- or Receipts for sums paid to various private individuals, and furnish an interesting series of Autographs of distinguished persons, such as those of Gibbons, Wren, and others.
- Army, Navy and Ordnance, 1559 to 1777. (Nos. 12 to 15.)
- Accounts, papers, &c., relative to expenses of troops, garrisons, &c., in England, Ireland and foreign countries.
- Assignments of Orders on Bankers' Annuities, 1704 to 1717. 2 Vols. (Nos. 16 and 17.)
- Register of Powers of Attorney, 1706 to 1768. 8 Vols. (Nos. 18 to 25.)
- Entry Book of Letters of Attorney of Nevis and St. Christopher's Debentures, 1707 to 1745. 1 Vol. (No. 26.)
- 'Blood Money' Certificates, 1649 to 1800. 4 Bundles (Nos. 27 to 30), containing Certificates of the conviction of highwaymen and other felons, and of the names of the persons by means of whom such convictions were obtained, stating the amount of the rewards due to them in respect thereof. The receipts of the persons mentioned are endorsed on the Certificates.
- Castles and Parks, 1608. 1 Vol. (No. 31.) Report as to the fees, &c., of the custodians.
- '*Equitium Regis*,' 1555 to 1556. 1 Vol. (No. 32 (1).) Account of the charges of the Queen's stables.
- Composition for Knighthood, 1630 to 1632. 1 Vol. (No. 35), containing the names of the persons throughout England who were fined for neglecting to appear at the Coronation of Charles I and take up the Order of Knighthood, with the amount of the Compositions paid by them in respect of such Fines.
- Account of new and clipped money at the Mint, 1698. 1 Vol. (No. 37.)
- Accounts of the expenses of *Nuncii*, 1558 to 1603. 1 Bundle (No. 38).
- Earl Camden's Orders, 1806 to 1812. 11 Vols. (Nos. 39 to 49.) Orders for the payment of moneys directed to Earl Camden, one of the Tellers, with receipts annexed.
- Orders and Receipts relating to the Committee for the Public Revenues, 1648 to 1652. 1 Bundle. (No. 50.)
- Expenses of the diet of the Star Chamber, 1515 to 1637. 5 Vols. (Nos. 51 to 55.)
- Bills of the Lieutenants of the Tower, 1572 to 1765. 2 Parcels (No. 56), containing Bills from the Tower of London for the Fees, &c., of the Officers there, and for the maintenance of State Prisoners from 1572 to 1605, and from 1634 to 1765 respectively.
- Wardrobe and Household Accounts. 4 Books (No. 57), containing the expenses of the Queen's masks (1610), the expenses of Princess Elizabeth (1613) and the Poultry Office accounts (1716).
- Household expenses of the Princess Charlotte of Wales, 1806 to 1814. 1 Vol. (No. 58.)

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**MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND PAPERS—(continued).**

- Account of Works at the Tower, Hampton Court and elsewhere, 1602 to 1603. 1 Vol. (No. 59.)
- Expenses of dinners for Officers of the Exchequer of Receipt while making a repertory of treaties, &c., 1567. 1 Book (No. 61 (2).)
- Account of the sale of Fee-Farm Rents, 1671 to 1679. 1 Vol. (No. 65.)
- Memoranda as to stationery issued to Officers of the Exchequer, 1556 to 1710. (No. 68.)
- Certificates of survival of John, Count of Friesland, 1575 to 1589. (No. 70 (1).)
- Bond of delegates of Belgium and Lower Germany for a loan from Queen Elizabeth, 1578. (No. 70 (2).)
- Papers relating to the history, management, fees and duties of the Exchequer of Receipt, circa 1602. 1 Bundle. (No. 71.)
- Miscellaneous certificates, &c., including papers relating to clergymen proceeding to America, 1660 to 1791. 1 Bundle (No. 82).
- Certificates as to the numbers of persons touched for the Evil, 1669 to 1685. 1 Bundle (No. 85 (1)).
- Agreement between the Treasury and the City of London as to scavage, &c., 1833. (No. 114.)
- Plans of building, &c., for the Victualling and Commissariat Departments at Gibraltar, undated. (No. 115.)
- Miscellaneous Exchequer Papers, called 'Thorpe's Exchequer Papers,' 1469 to 1685. (Nos. 116 to 122.) A collection of original Letters, Warrants, &c., relating to the business of the Exchequer, purchased from Mr. Markham John Thorpe (by whom they had been bought at an auction), in August, 1844, and bound in seven volumes. There is a similar collection of Miscellaneous Papers from 1558 to 1820 inclusive (Nos. 123 to 129), which includes many autographs of Judges and others.
- Papers relating to Exchequer Bills and the Bill Office, 1697 to 1866. 2 Bundles (Nos. 134 and 135).
- Books of fees for honours, imprests, issues, tallies, &c., 1715 to 1846. (Nos. 136 to 156.)
- Papers relating to West Indies relief, 1833 to 1845. 1 Bundle (No. 167).
- Index to Appointments and Offices, compiled in 1837. 2 vols. (Nos. 174 and 175.) These contain references to the Registrations of Grants of Offices and Appointments in the Books and Rolls of the Auditor's Office. Vol. 1 is arranged alphabetically under the names of the several *Offices or Appointments*; Vol. 2 under the names of the *Persons*.



## RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER— THE CONTROLLER GENERAL.

The Act 4 and 5 Will. IV, c. 15, by which the ancient offices of the Receipt of the Exchequer which still remained were finally abolished and their functions transferred to a Controller General with a competent staff, was passed upon the death of Lord Grenville, the last Auditor, in order to give full effect to the intentions of the Act of 1783. It came into force on 11 Oct., 1834.

All the business connected with the detailed payments formerly made at the Exchequer (with the exception of certain life annuities transferred to the National Debt Office) was transferred to a new officer, called the Paymaster of Civil Services, whose office and duties were subsequently merged in those of the Paymaster General.\*

Until the year 1834 all receipts from the national revenues were in theory still paid in actual cash into the Exchequer. For about a century before, however, the real fact seems to have been that the principal branches of the revenue were paid into the Bank of England and the payments out made by the Bank, the Exchequer theory being maintained by a species of fiction necessitating the attendance of a Bank Clerk at the Exchequer to receive *cancelled* bank notes from the receivers general of the Customs, the Excise, Stamps and the Post Office, all which departments kept their money at the Bank of England, and to give each receiver general credit for these notes with the Tellers as for so much cash.

The Act of 1834 did away with this pretence and directed that all public moneys until then payable into the Exchequer should be paid into the Bank to the account of the Exchequer and should form one fund in the Bank Books. The regulations for the payment of the revenue into the Bank were made under the general authority of the Treasury, the receipt being effected almost wholly by transfers, as the receivers of the revenue, and other persons paying in money to the Exchequer account, in nearly every instance kept accounts at the Bank of England.†

The Act provided that the books kept by the Controller should be of record (s. 16) and that all the books, records, &c., relating to the Receipt of the Exchequer with the standard weights and measures and standard pieces of gold, silver and copper formerly in the custody of the officers of the Receipt should be delivered into the custody of the said Controller.‡

The Controller thus became possessed of older records and in three instances carried on existing series. These were the Auditor's Receipt Books, known as 'Bills of the Day,' the Certificates of Exchequer Bills issued and the Issue Books of Exchequer Bills. These have been numbered in continuation of their respective series in the old Receipt of the Exchequer and are there described in the present work. In all other cases the Controller started new series of records even when the form employed was that previously in use.

\* *House of Commons Return of Public Income and Expenditure* (1869), App. 13, p. 338.

† *Ibid.*, p. 345.

‡ The Standards have since been transferred to the Board of Trade.

The Office of the Controller General of the Exchequer was reported upon unfavourably by a Select Committee of the House of Commons in 1856 and on 31 March 1867 was abolished under the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 29 and 30 Vict., c. 39. (See the **EXCHEQUER AND AUDIT OFFICE**, amongst the records of which now preserved at the Public Record Office will be found some other of those formerly belonging to the Office of the Controller General of the Exchequer than are described in the following list.)

### Records of the Controller General of the Exchequer.

1833 to 1867. 292 Vols. These consist of the following classes. Records of the Office which continue earlier series in the Exchequer of Receipt will be found described amongst the records of that Department:—

RECEIPT BOOKS, IRELAND. 1837 to 1867. (Nos. 1 to 18.) 18 Vols. The corresponding series for Great Britain is with the records of the Exchequer of Receipt.

ORDERS AND TREASURY WARRANTS. 1834 to 1865. (Nos. 19 to 49.) 31 Vols.

Do. IRELAND. 1837 to 1867. (Nos. 50 to 80.) 31 Vols. Down to 1861 each book in the two series contains an Index.

TREASURY LETTERS, GREAT BRITAIN. 1834 to 1867. (Nos. 81 to 136.) 56 Vols.

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CREDITS, ENGLAND. 1834 to 1867. (Nos. 186 to 225.) 40 Vols.

Do. IRELAND. 1837 to 1867. (Nos. 226 to 254.) 29 Vols. These are Registers of the issue of Exchequer Warrants for the payment of moneys, giving the dates of the Royal Orders or Treasury Warrants and stating the service for which each payment is made. Each volume contains an Index.

ACCOUNT BOOKS, GREAT BRITAIN. 1835 to 1867. (Nos. 255 to 268.) 14 Vols.

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EXCHEQUER BILLS, CERTIFICATES OF. The general series of certificates of Exchequer Bills issued for the period 1834 to 1862 is with the records of the Exchequer of Receipt. The following special classes are with the Controller General's records:—

West Indian Loan. 1833 to 1845. (Nos. 284, 285.) 2 Vols.

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## RECORDS OF THE EXCHEQUER—THE TREASURY OF THE RECEIPT OF THE EXCHEQUER.

As the Receipt of the Exchequer was the place where the King's money was paid in, it was necessary that it should have some secure place where this money could be stored. During the 12th cent. the Treasury seems to have remained fixed at Winchester. Thence the treasure chest (*archa thesauri*) was sent to the appointed place when the Exchequer was in session at Westminster or elsewhere and there it was returned when the Exchequer was closed.

At some date, probably about the beginning of the 13th cent., after the loss of the King's possessions in Normandy had done away with the necessity of having an abiding place for his treasure conveniently near the port of embarkation for France and when the Exchequer had become accustomed to meet in London more often than at any other place, the Treasury was finally removed to Westminster.\*

According to the *Dialogus* each of the chests in the Treasury had two distinct locks, of which the Keys were in the keeping of the Deputy Chamberlains, whilst around each chest was placed a leather strap which was sealed with the Treasurer's seal, so that without the common consent of these three officers no chest could be opened. At a later date a third lock was substituted for the sealed strap, and the key of this was kept by the Clerk of the Pells as the Treasurer's clerk.

In the Treasury were kept not only the chests which contained the King's money and jewels, but also the most valuable records of the realm, together with the standard coins, weights and measures. The earliest reference to a definite building in which the Treasury of the Receipt was housed appears to be in the 10th year of the reign of Edward III to 'the treasury within the cloister of Westminster next the Chapter House.'† This is the chamber in which the pyx which contained the standard coins of the realm was for long housed and which thereby acquired the name of the Chapel of the Pyx.

Arthur Agarde, one of the deputy Chamberlains of the Exchequer, in his *Compendium Recordorum*, compiled in 1610,‡ enumerates four different record repositories or treasuries at Westminster under the charge of the Treasurer and Chamberlains and describes the records preserved in each of them. These were:—

- (1) The Treasury in the Court of Receipt. The principal records preserved here were the Domesday Book; the Black Book and other registers of the Exchequer; the Quo Warranto rolls, Placita Coronæ and Assize rolls; the Placita Forestæ and divers accounts and court rolls.
- (2) The treasury in the New Palace of Westminster over the Gatehouse. The records here included purchase deeds of Crown lands; muster books chiefly of the reign of Henry VIII; accounts of the French possessions, of the Chief Butler and of

\* See the Introduction to the *Dialogus de Scaccario* (Oxford edit.), p. 45.

† Palgrave, *Antient Kalendars and Inventories of the Treasury of the Exchequer*, I, cxxv, 156.

‡ Agarde's Indexes, No. 44, printed in Palgrave, *op. cit.*, II, 113, seq.



Calais and the Staple there ; treason trials ; papal bulls ; Assize rolls ; ministers' accounts ; the Hibernia bag ; the Statutes of St. George and St. Michael ; Queen Elizabeth's foundation of the Poor Knights of Windsor, &c.

- (3) The Chapter House of Westminster Abbey. Here were preserved the Feet of Fines to the reign of Henry VII ; the Coram Rege rolls to the reign of Henry V ; the De Banco rolls to the reign of Richard II ; and rolls of the Justices Itinerant of the reigns of Richard I, John and Henry III.
- (4) The treasury in the cloister of Westminster Abbey. This was the Chapel of the Pyx above mentioned. The records preserved in it in 1610 included the Leagues and Treaties ; the wills of Henry VII and Henry VIII ; indentures of Mint matters with the assays of gold and silver ; Henry VII's foundation of Westminster chapel, &c.

At some subsequent date all these treasuries were merged in the Chapter House, which thus became one of the principal repositories of Records prior to the passing of the Public Record Office Act of 1838. Amongst the records which it contained other than those mentioned above were some of the earliest Parliament rolls, the Hundred rolls and the Placita Aule, together with the records of the Courts of Star Chamber, Requests, and Wards and Liveries.

### Acknowledgments of Supremacy.

Henry VIII. 6 Bundles. These are the original Acknowledgments made by the Religious Houses, &c., having in most cases the Conventual Seals attached, and bearing the signatures of the Abbots, Priors, and others.

*Descriptive Inventory.* Report VII, App. II, pp. 279-306.

### Barons' Letter.

This letter was drawn up after the Parliament of Lincoln in the 29th year of Edward I in reply to a bull of Pope Boniface VIII dated 27th June, 1299, in which the independence of Scotland was asserted. The Barons in their answer denied this and refused to admit the Pope's jurisdiction in the matter. Both letters are steps in the complicated series of negotiations which culminated in the Peace of Paris concluded the 20th of May, 1303, and the Barons' letter, which exists in duplicate, may have been intended as a means of declining the Pope's jurisdiction should he be so ill-advised as to insist on it. There is no evidence that the letter was ever presented to the Pope. It is printed in Rymer's *Fœdera* and careful transcripts of both copies are given in the Appendix to the *Fourth Report on the Dignity of a Peer*, dated 2nd July, 1825. (Reprinted 1829. Vol. II, pp. 347-348.) It has been adduced as a proof of sitting as lately as 1903, but the date of the letter is later than the close of the parliament, and the seals of some of the barons are known to have been attached at a still later date and not at Lincoln. A full account of the letter and seals will be found in the *Ancestor* for 1903-4 (Nos. 6-8), and another view is stated in

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## Baron's Letter—(continued).

*Some Feudal Lords and their Seals* by Lord Howard de Walden (1904), a monograph prepared by the late Mr. Joseph Foster. The seals are of especial interest as examples of early heraldry.

An *Inventory* of the Seals is printed in Report VIII, App. II, pp. 185-188.

## Books.

284 Volumes. In this series is included the bulk of the class formerly known as 'Chapter House Miscellaneous Books,' to which references have been preserved. To these have now been added some of the Registers and other Exchequer books which were separately described in the previous editions of this Guide.

**Vols. I to 15.** ACCOUNTS, &C., OF THE ARMY, NAVY AND ORDNANCE, as below. References to these are given in the list of Various Accounts of the Exchequer (Lists and Indexes, No. XXXV, 1912).

### Vol.

1. Army and Navy Receipts and Payments, Hen. VII and Hen. VIII.
2. Charges of the Army and Navy, 3-5 Hen. VIII.
3. Army, Navy and Ordnance Payments, Hen. VII and Hen. VIII.
4. Payments of the Royal Ordnance, &c., 5 and 6 Hen. VIII.
5. Expenses of building the Henry Grace Dieu, &c., Temp. Hen. VIII.
6. Accounts of the Royal Dockyard at Portsmouth, 14 and 15 Hen. VIII.
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11. Expenses, &c., of the Navy, Temp. Hen. VIII.
12. Expenses of the Navy, 4 and 6 Hen. VIII.
13. Inventory of the Stores of the Royal Navy, 6 Hen. VIII.
14. Accounts for money for King's voyage to Scotland, &c., Temp. Henry VIII.
15. Account of Military Stores, Temp. Hen. VIII.

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- Vol. 57. TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL CHARTERS, DEEDS, &c., BELONGING TO EDMUND, LATE EARL OF CORNWALL. Temp. Edw. I.
- Vol. 58. A TAXATION OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL BENEFICES IN THE DIOCESE OF COVENTRY AND LICHFIELD. Temp. Hen. VII.
- Vol. 59. A CERTIFICATE AS TO MONASTIC PENSIONS IN THE WEST RIDING OF YORKS. 6 Edw. VI.
- Vols. 60 to 62. TAXATIONS OF ECCLESIASTICAL BENEFICES, as follows :—  
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60. Diocese of Rochester. Temp. Hen. VII.  
61. Archdeaconry of Richmond. Temp. Hen. VIII.  
62. Diocese of Lincoln. Temp. Hen. VI.
- Vols. 63 and 64. RENUNCIATIONS OF PAPAL SUPREMACY. A collection of the Original Renunciations of the Papal Supremacy by the Clergy throughout England, made in the reign of Henry the Eighth. An inventory of the contents of the two volumes is given in the Calendar of Letters and Papers of that reign, Vol. VII, pp. 394–398.
- Vol. 65. VALUATIONS OF SPIRITUAL PROMOTIONS. A volume, formerly in the State Paper Office, entitled 'The number and value of all Spiritual Promotions as certified in King Henry the Eighth's time,' being an epitome of the Valor Ecclesiasticus arranged under Counties.
- Vol. 66. INVENTORIES OF THE GOODS AND CHATTELS OF DE VERE, DUKE OF IRELAND, AND OTHER ATTAINED PERSONS. 11–12 Richard II.
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71. Transcript of the Testa de Nevill for the County of Lincoln, and a Leger Book of the Abbey of Barlinges.  
72. A Book of Knights' Fees in several Counties entitled 'Feoda in Capite,' compiled by the Master of the Court of Wards. 34 Hen. VIII. This contains a transcript of Kirkby's Quest for the County of Devon.  
73. An Account of the Knights' Fees in the County of Kent, compiled by the Feodary of that county. 35 Hen. VIII.  
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77. The 'Black Book of the Forests'; a 'perfect view and declaration' of every head of game, &c., in all the King's Forests north of Trent. Described in the Calendar of Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII, Vol. XIV, Part II, No. 119.
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These contain drafts and transcripts of charters, accounts, &c., relative  
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- Vol. 145. STATES OF ACCOUNTS OF THE SHERIFFS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND. 21 Hen. VII.
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169. } Surveys of various Manors in Surrey. Temp. Edw. VI.  
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List of Rentals and Surveys (Lists and Indexes, No. XXV, 1908).
- Vol. 170. COURT ROLLS OF BURNHAM VEWTERS, CO. NORFOLK. Edw.  
VI and Ph. and Mary.
- Vol. 171. INVENTORIES OF THE GOODS OF CARDINAL WOLSEY. Temp.  
Hen. VIII. These are fully abstracted in the Calendar of Letters  
and Papers, Hen. VIII, Vol. IV *passim*.
- Vols. 172 to 182. SURVEYS AND RENTALS, as follows:—  
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172. Survey of Sutton at Hone, co. Kent. Temp. Hen. VIII.  
173. Surveys of the Castles of Berwick, Harbottle, Alnwick, and  
others in Northumberland. Temp. Hen. VIII.  
174. Rentals, &c., relating to Greenwich and Lewisham, co. Kent,  
and to Ashby Canons Priory, co. Northampton. Temp.  
Hen. VIII.  
175. Valuations, &c., relating to the Monastery of Sempringham  
and others, co. Lincoln. Temp. Hen. VIII.  
176. Transcripts, made in the reign of Hen. VIII, of extents of  
the Manor of Bradford and others, co. York. 15 Edw. III.  
177. Valuations of the lands, &c., of the Countess of Richmond  
and Derby, in various Counties. 12 Hen. VIII.  
178. Rentals of various Monasteries, &c., in the County of  
Northampton. Temp. Hen. VIII.  
179. Surveys of the Manors of Grafton, Creyke, &c., co. Northamp-  
ton. Temp. Hen. VIII.  
180. Rental of the Monastery of Lesnes, co. Kent. Temp. Edw. III  
and Rich. II.  
181. Rental of the Possessions of the Duke of Buckingham. 13  
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182. Rentals of various manors in Essex. Hen. VIII to Chas. II.  
For fuller descriptions of these reference should be made to the  
List of Rentals and Surveys referred to above; also for some of those  
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- Vols. 183 to 185. VARIOUS ACCOUNTS, as follows:—  
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the Exchequer.  
187. A Calendar of Papal Bulls, &c., relating to Aquitaine. Temp.  
Edw. II.  
188. Transcripts of Ancient Treaties between France and England.  
Temp. Hen. V.  
189. Register of the Acts of Homage and Fealty by the Nobility,  
&c., of Aquitaine. Temp. Edw. III.  
190. Documents relating to Scottish affairs. Edw. III to Eliz.  
191. Documents relating to the Marches of Scotland and Wales.  
Temp. Hen. VIII.  
192. Instructions to Ambassadors at the Court of the King of  
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193. A Treatise on the Tropes and Figures of Scripture.  
194. Fragments of Legal Treatises, &c.  
195. Treatises on Legal Subjects, &c.  
196. Treatises on Theological Subjects, with a Chronicle of Christ  
Church, Canterbury (1420).  
197. Armstrong's Sermons, &c.  
198. An Ancient Legal Common Place Book.

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205. Household Expenses of Queen Philippa. 23–24 Edw. III.
206. Orders and Regulations set down for the Government of the  
Household of Edward IV. An attested copy, formerly in  
the State Paper Office, by Sir J. Williamson, of 'a fair  
Manuscript given to him by Dr. Barlow, Provost of Queen's  
College, Oxford.'
207. Account of the Receivers of Elizabeth, Queen of Edward IV.  
6–7 Edw. IV.
208. Accounts of the Clerk of the Marshalsea of the Household.  
7–8 Hen. VII.
209. Accounts of the Keeper of the Great Wardrobe. 15 Hen. VII.
210. Household Expenses of Elizabeth, Queen of Henry VII.  
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211. Book of Receipts by the King. 21–23 Hen. VII.
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213. Do. do. 17–20 Hen. VII.
214. Books of King's Payments. 21 Hen. VII to 1 Hen. VIII.
215. Do. do. 1–9 Hen. VIII.
216. Do. do. 9–12 Hen. VIII.
217. Expenses of Revels, &c. 1–11 Hen. VIII.
218. Household Expenses of the Earl of Devon. 10 Hen. VIII.
219. Do. of Princess Mary. 12–13 Hen. VIII.
220. Do. of the Duke of Buckingham. 12 Hen.  
VIII.
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222. Household Accounts of Princess Mary. 14–15 Hen. VIII.
223. Household Accounts of Katharine, Countess of Devon.  
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224. Accounts of the Keeper of the Great Wardrobe. 16–17  
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225. Household Expenses of Henry, Earl of Devon. 17 Hen. VIII.
226. Receipts and Payments of the Earl of Northumberland.  
6–18 Hen. VIII.
227. Expenses at Greenwich. 18 and 19 Hen. VIII.
228. } Accounts of Revels, &c. Temp. Hen. VIII.
229. }
230. Regulations of the Royal Household (the 'Liber Niger of  
Edw. IV.'). A transcript, formerly in the State Paper Office,  
of an elaborate Treatise on the early regulations of the  
Household of the Kings of England. Temp. Hen. VIII.
231. Regulations of the Royal Household (the 'Statutes of Eltham'),  
with lists of Officers, their wages and diet, &c. 17 Hen. VIII.  
Formerly in the State Paper Office.
- The two last-mentioned volumes are printed in the collection  
of *Ordinances and Regulations for the Government of the Royal  
Household in various Reigns*, published by the Society of  
Antiquaries in 1790.
232. An Account of the Wages of the Royal Household. Temp.  
Hen. VIII.
233. Expenses of the Diet of the King's Household. Temp.  
Hen. VIII.
234. Ordinances of the Great Wardrobe. 6 Chas. I.

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Vols. 235 to 245. ACCOUNTS OF REPAIRS, &c., AT HAMPTON COURT.  
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Vol. 249. FEODARIES' ACCOUNT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT. 41 Eliz.  
to 4 Jas. I.

Vol. 250. ACCOUNTS OF WORKS AT TICKENHALL IN BEWDLEY, CO.  
WORCESTER. 17 Hen. VIII.

Vols. 251 and 252. ACCOUNTS OF WORKS AT THE PALACE OF WEST-  
MINSTER. 22–23 Henry VIII. 2 Vols. (See Calendar of Letters and  
Papers, Hen. VIII, Vol. V, No. 952.)

Vol. 253. WARRANTS AND RECEIPTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF RECORDS,  
Hen. VIII to Geo. II. A bound volume of the original documents,  
including amongst other receipts those given by Thomas Rymer for  
records delivered to him for his edition of the *Fœdera*.

Vol. 254. ACCOUNTS OF THE RECEIVER-GENERAL OF BERWICK-UPON-  
TWEED, 9 Hen. VII, 1–6, 14 and 28 Hen. VIII. These include  
Accounts of the Treasurer of the Wars in the North Parts and other  
documents relating to the Wardenship of the Scottish Marches, including  
Flodden Field Accounts (1513). (See Cal. of Letters and Papers,  
Hen. VIII, Vols. II, III and XIII *passim*.)

Vol. 255. GRESHAM DOMESTIC ACCOUNTS. Edw. VI to Eliz. Rough  
accounts, &c., of the lands, household, &c., of Paul Gresham, of Little  
Walsingham, co. Norfolk.

Vol. 256. LORD CROMWELL'S ACCOUNTS. 28–31 Hen. VIII. (See  
Calendar of Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII, Vol. XIV, Part II, No. 782,  
pp. 317–345.)

Vol. 257. CERTIFICATES AS TO THE EXPORTATION OF WHEAT, &c. 22–24  
Hen. VIII. This is an entry book of bonds given to the Customers at  
divers ports to convey wheat, &c., to Calais, London, and other places  
within the realm, together with a certificate as to the stocks of corn  
in Middlesex and notes of process sued against persons in respect of  
the exportation of wheat.

Vols. 258 to 260. PARTICULARS FOR GRANTS OF THE POSSESSIONS OF  
COLLEGES AND CHANTRIES. Edward VI. 2 Vols., with an Index.

Vol. 261. REGISTER OF GRANTS OF CROWN LANDS. 1–4 Edw. VI.  
An entry book in tabular form, showing, with the names of the purchasers  
and the lands, the amount of the purchase money, the yearly value of  
the lands, the rents reserved, &c.

Vols. 262 to 264. ACCOUNTS OF THE CONSTABLE OF WINDSOR CASTLE  
as follows. Henry VIII. These relate to the Castle and Chapel.



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The earlier Accounts of the Constable of Windsor Castle will be found amongst the Accounts, &c., relating to the 'Army and Navy.' (See **Accounts Various** under Exchequer, King's Remembrancer.)

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262. 24 Hen. VII to 10 Hen. VIII.

263. 10 to 20 Hen. VIII.

264. 20 to 31 Hen. VIII.

Vol. 265. **CARTULARY OF ST. MARY'S WITHOUT BISHOPGATE, LONDON.** 104 leaves of paper much mutilated, but recently repaired. Written mostly in a 14th cent. hand with a few later additions.

Vols. 266 and 267. **BLACK BOOK OF THE EXCHEQUER OR 'LIBER NIGER.'** This is one of the Registers or Entry Books of official memoranda which were compiled at an early period by the Officers of the Exchequer and others for the use of their respective Departments. The Black Book of the Exchequer, which must be distinguished from the Little Black Book existing amongst the records of the King's Remembrancer, is in two parts. The contents of Part I (Vol. 266), which dates from the 13th cent., are as follows:—

1. A Table or perpetual Calendar for finding the Dominical Letters, &c.
2. A Calendar or Almanac containing Memoranda of remarkable occurrences and of appointments of various Officers of the Exchequer, written probably between the years 1252 and 1263, with later entries.
3. Drawings of the emblems of the four Evangelists, accompanied by verses from the several Gospels (probably used for the purpose of administering oaths.)
4. Drawings of the Crucifixion, the Virgin and Child, St. Thomas of Canterbury, St. Michael, &c., with Latin and English verses and miscellaneous entries.
5. The 'Dialogus de Scaccario,' a Treatise on the ancient constitution and practice of the Exchequer. (There is another copy of this treatise in the Red Book.)
6. The Oath of the Teller of the Exchequer.
7. The Oath of the Messenger of the Exchequer.
8. A Survey of the Manor of Isleworth. Edw. III.
9. A Deed of sale of timber at Bodiam. 50 Edw. III.
10. Admissions of Chamberlains, Tellers and Clerks of the Pells. Hen. VI and Edw. IV.
11. A collection of rhymes and idle verses.
12. Tables for the calculation of salaries, apparently of the reign of Edw. II.
13. Miscellaneous entries relating to the Receipt of the Exchequer, Admissions of Officers, Orders of Court, Writs and other Memoranda of a similar description from 19 Edw. II to 1715, a few original instruments being annexed or inserted.

Part II (Vol. 267) contains notes of the appointments of Exchequer officers and of official business made between the years 1697 and 1834.

Vol. 268. **KALENDARE DE BULLIS PAPALIBUS, &c.** Edward II. This Calendar, also known as 'Bishop Stapleton's Calendar,' was compiled about the year 1323, under the direction of Walter Stapleton, Bishop of Exeter, who at that time held the office of Treasurer. It contains a description of all the documents then in the Treasury, methodically arranged under the heads of Papal Bulls, Charters, &c., the various chests, &c., in which they were deposited being noted in the margin, with drawings of the *signs* by which they were distinguished. (Printed in Palgrave's *Ancient Kalendars and Inventories of the Exchequer*, Vol. I, pp. 1-155.)

Vols. 269 to 272. **CALAIS, CONTROLLERS' ACCOUNTS.** Henry VII and Henry VIII. These are bound in four very large volumes, as follows:—

Vol.

269. 20 Hen. VII-3 Hen. VIII.

270. 3-7 Hen. VIII.

271. 7-13 Do.

272. 13-24 Do.

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Vol. 273. **LIBER MEMORANDORUM CAMERARII.** 39 Edw. III to 35 Hen. VIII. This volume contains the Memoranda made from time to time by the Chamberlains or their deputies, as well of the Muniments as of the Jewels and other articles deposited in the Treasury or delivered out of the same. Many valuable instruments are inserted at full length, and others are annexed to the leaves and bound up therewith. (Printed in Palgrave's *Ancient Kalendars and Inventories of the Exchequer*.)

Vols. 274 and 275. **REGISTRUM MUNIMENTORUM.** Two volumes generally referred to as 'Liber A' and 'Liber B,' being Registers or 'Books of Remembrance,' formed in the reign of Edward I. They contain Transcripts of Papal Bulls and of Treaties and other diplomatic documents during the reigns of Henry III and Edward I, a list of which is appended.

Contents of 'Liber A' (Vol. 274).

1. Table of Contents, with references to the Chests, &c., in which the originals of the documents transcribed in the volume were deposited.
2. Papal Bulls relating to the grant of the tenths of ecclesiastical benefices for the recovery of the Holy Land.
3. Papal Bulls relating to Guy and Aymeric de Montfort, monitions addressed to the Kings of Scotland and Princes of Wales, excommunications of the King's enemies, &c., &c.
4. Documents relating to the disputes between Hugh, Count of March and Angouleme, and Henry III.
5. Documents relating to the marriage of Margaret, daughter of Edward I, with John, son of the Duke of Brabant.
6. Documents relating to the Treaty of Marriage of the Maid of Norway.
7. Documents relating to the marriages between Joan, daughter of King Henry of Navarre, and a son of Edward I, and between Elizabeth, daughter of Edward I, and John, the son of Florence, Count of Holland.
8. Papal Bulls, &c., relating to the marriage between Alphonso, son of Peter, King of Arragon, and Eleanor, daughter of Edward I.
9. Further documents relating to the marriage of the Maid of Norway.
10. Grants, conveyances, &c., made to the Crown, obligations and securities for payment of moneys to the King, grants of aids and subsidies, and other miscellaneous documents.
11. Documents relating to the election of the Prior of St. Swithin's, Winchester, &c.
12. Constitutions made by John Peckham, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Council held at Reading. (Printed in Wilkins's *Concilia*.)
13. Award by Richard, King of the Romans, as to the manner in which the Earl of Gloucester is to proceed to the Holy Lands, &c.
14. Transcripts of the Statute of Westminster 'pro Mercatoribus,' 13 Edw. I; and of the Statute of Gloucester, 6 Edw. I.
15. Miscellaneous documents, including the Will of Edw. I; Papal Bulls, &c., relating to the liberation of Aymeric de Montfort; Inquisitions concerning the Parks of Fremantle and Howden; Leagues with Castile; Letters from English prelates concerning the war against the Welsh, &c.
16. Letters, submissions, homages, and other documents relating to the affairs of Wales during the reigns of Henry III and Edward I.
17. Grants of the Seigniory of Ireland and of the Cities of Dublin and Limerick, &c., made by Henry III to his eldest son Edward; Letters and obligations from the Prelates of Ireland; King John's letter declaring the reasons of his proceedings against William de Braose, and other documents relating to Ireland.
18. Treaties of Peace with Norway, &c.

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Contents of 'Liber B' (Vol. 275).

1. Tables of Contents.
2. Treaties and Diplomatic Documents between France and England.
3. Letters from the Count of Savoy, the Magistrates of various towns in Ponthieu, &c.
4. Letters of Homage and other documents relating to France.
5. Deed of Covenant for money lent to Prince Edward by St. Louis in aid of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, with other documents relating thereto.
6. Treaties and Correspondence with Florence, Count of Holland, and with Castile, &c.
7. Documents relating to the Truces between Philip, King of France, and Alphonso, King of Arragon.
8. Treaties between Edward I and Guy, Count of Flanders.
9. Documents relating to the Treaty at Tarrascon between Alphonso, King of Arragon, and Charles, King of Sicily.
10. Letters, &c., relating to the liberation of the Prince of Salerno, made captive by the King of Arragon.
11. Letters, Treaties, and other documents relating to the affairs of Arragon and Sicily.
12. Homages, Pleas, Grants, and other documents relating to Gascony. Temp. John and Henry III.
13. The Charters of Oleron, surrendered by the community on account of their trespasses.
14. Privileges granted to the Bastida of Valence in the Agennois.
15. Grants of lands, demesnes, &c., made by Henry III to his son Edward, both in England and Wales and beyond the Seas.
16. Various documents relating to Gascony.
17. Documents relating to Gascony, Ponthieu, the Agennois, &c.

Vol. 276. **STATUTES OF THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL**, founded by Louis XI of France. A beautifully illuminated volume prepared to the order of Francis I of France for Henry VIII on his investiture with the insignia of the Order in 1527.

Vol. 277. **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POOR KNIGHTS OF WINDSOR.** Elizabeth. A volume, richly illuminated, containing the Indentures of Foundation and Ordinances for the government of the 'Thirteen Poor Knights of Windsor.'

Vol. 278 to 280. **REGISTERS OF LETTERS AND INSTRUMENTS OF EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, 25-39 Edward III.** Three companion volumes as below, containing entries of writs and warrants, petitions and other proceedings before the Council of the Prince (*see also above* Vol. 144):—

Vol.

278. 'Engleterre.' This volume, which appears to have been in the Chapter House at Westminster in the reign of James I, was acquired from Mr. Herbert A. Hughes in 1914.

279. 'Cestre.' Register of letters and writs addressed to the Justices and Chamberlains of Chester. (Formerly Augmentation Office, Misc. Books, Vol. 65.)

280. 'Cornwaille.' This volume has been known as the 'White Book of Tenures in Cornwall,' and is a register of proceedings before the Council relative to the Duchy.

Vol. 281. **BULL OF POPE JULIUS II, CONFIRMING THE FOUNDATION OF CHRIST'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.** A.D. 1508. Ornamented with scroll-work, showing the arms of the Pope and the arms and badges of the foundress, Margaret, Countess of Richmond, mother of King Henry VII.

Vols. 282 and 283. **NOTE BOOKS OF JOHN HUSSYE**, early 16th cent. Good contemporary leather bindings.

Vol. 284. **ABBREVIATION OF DOMESDAY BOOK.** An abridgment in one very beautiful and illuminated volume, apparently compiled early in the reign of Edward I.



### Chapel of the Pyx.

This class comprises some chests and boxes dating from the thirteenth century, formerly kept in the Chapel of the Pyx and now exhibited in the Museum of the Public Record Office.

### Council and Privy Seal Records.

Edward III to Henry VIII. 95 Files. These are original Warrants of the Council with Petitions and other documents antecedent to the Acts of that body; the files also contain memoranda of Warrants to be issued and other miscellaneous documents of an analogous nature. The documents, which in addition to the particular interest possessed by many of them are collectively of considerable value for the study of the history of administration, have been arranged in chronological order.

### Deeds.

#### *Series A.*

A collection of original deeds and analogous documents which probably in all cases belonged to private muniments before they came into the possession of the Treasury of the Receipt at the Chapter House, Westminster. The collection has been formed from a number of now obsolete classes formerly at the Chapter House, such as the 'Deeds Domestic,' the 'County Bags,' the 'Divers Dioceses,' 'Paper Documents,' 'Miscellanea' and the like. The Deeds are arranged in two series, viz.:—

Ancient; to the end of the reign of Elizabeth.

Modern; from the commencement of the reign of James I. The Ancient Deeds are subdivided into the following series:—

Series A. Deeds packed in envelopes (Nos. 1 to 13,672 are described in the Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, Vols. 1 to 5; of Nos. 13,673 to 15,068 there is a typed catalogue).

Series AA. Deeds too large to be packed in the above method.

Series AS. Deeds with fine seals packed in cardboard boxes.

Series WS. Deeds with seals taken from Wardrobe Debentures.

### Dies for Coins.

Dies when no longer required for use at provincial mints were formerly sent up to the Royal Treasury at Westminster, and a number of these from Durham and York belonging to the 14th and 15th centuries were transferred to the Public Record Office along with the Records of the Treasury of the Receipt of the Exchequer. These have been arranged and listed.

### Diplomatic Documents.

Henry I to James I. 1,746 documents. A collection of Original Treaties and of documents subsidiary thereto. Many of the documents have been printed in Rymer's *Fœdera*.

*Calendar.* Report XLV, App. I, pp. 285-380, and Report XLVIII, App., pp. 561-619. (A new catalogue of all the Diplomatic Documents in the Public Record Office, in which the above collection will be included, is in the Press for publication in the series of Lists and Indexes.)

**Domesday Book.**

This, the oldest document in the national archives, is the digest as prepared for the fiscal purposes of the kingdom of the unique survey or inquest of the greater portion of England which was ordered by William I at the Gloucester gemot of Christmas, 1086, and completed by Michaelmas, 1087. The survey was made in order to obtain a correct assessment for the Danegeld, an occasional tax which had been levied on every hide of land by the Saxon kings since the time of Ethelred II and was levied at least on three occasions by the Conqueror during his reign.

From the *Inquisitio Eliensis*, which is referred to below, we learn the articles of inquiry which the commissioners who were appointed to make the survey were to put. They were to inquire the name of each place (*mansio*); who held it in the time of King Edward the Confessor; the present possessor; how many hides were in the manor; how many ploughs were in demesne; how many homagers; how many villeins; how many cottars; how many serving men; how many free tenants; how many tenants in soccage; how much wood, meadow and pasture; the number of mills and fish-ponds; what had been added or taken away from the place; what was the gross value in the time of Edward the Confessor; the present value; and how much each free-man or soc-man had, and whether any advance could be made in the value. The returns were to give the names of the holder and the value of each estate at three several periods, namely, in the time of King Edward, at the time King William granted it, and at the date of the survey. So minute was the survey that the writer of the contemporary portion of the Saxon Chronicle records, with some asperity, 'So very narrowly he caused it to be traced out, that there was not a single hide, nor one virgate of land, nor even, it is shame to tell, though it seemed to him no shame to do, an ox, nor a cow, nor a swine was left, that was not set down.'

The Domesday Survey is in two parts or volumes. The first, in folio, contains the counties of Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambridge, Chester and Lancaster, Cornwall, Derby, Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Hants, Hereford, Herts, Huntingdon, Kent, Leicester and Rutland, Lincoln, Middlesex, Northampton, Nottingham, Oxford, Salop, Somerset, Stafford, Surrey, Sussex, Warwick, Wilts, Worcester and York. The second volume, in quarto, contains the counties of Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk, and appears to consist of Transcripts in full of the Original Returns for those counties, giving details as to the live-stock on each manor, which are generally omitted from the Survey in its final form as it was transcribed for the Treasury. This second volume must, indeed, be of earlier date than the first, and represents a first and not quite satisfactory attempt to codify the original returns, which had been made under the several hundreds, but for the purposes of the Treasury were digested, county by county, under the names of the landholders.

Transcripts of the Original Returns for several counties known as the Exeter Domesday, are preserved in the Library

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of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, and the *Inquisitio Eliensis*, a copy of which is preserved in the British Museum, appears to be of the same nature.

For some reason left unexplained, many parts of the Kingdom were left unsurveyed. Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Durham are not described in the survey, nor does Lancashire appear under its proper name; but Furness and the northern part of Lancashire, as well as the south of Westmoreland, with a part of Cumberland, are included within the West Riding of Yorkshire. That part of Lancashire which lies between the Ribble and Mersey, and which at the time of the survey comprehended 688 manors, is joined to Cheshire. Part of Rutland is described in the counties of Northampton and Lincoln.

The two volumes compiled from the original returns, which were preserved for some centuries previous to their removal to the Public Record Office in 1859, in the custody of the Treasurer and Chamberlains of the Exchequer at the Chapter House, Westminster, were formerly known as 'the Book of Winchester,' in which city for some period subsequent to the Conquest the Treasury of the Kings of England remained. They appear, however, to have acquired the name 'Domesday Book' as early as the 12th century. Domesday Book was printed *verbatim et literatim* during the 18th century, in consequence of an address of the House of Lords to King George III in 1767. It was not, however, commenced until 1773, and was completed early in 1783.

In 1816, an additional volume was published under the direction of the Record Commissioners, containing Records supplementary to the Domesday Survey, consisting of:—

- (1) The EXON DOMESDAY, the original of which is preserved amongst the muniments of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral. This volume comprises the counties of Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall, and is supposed to contain, so far as it extends, an exact Transcript of the original Returns made by the Commissioners at the time of the General Survey from which the Great Domesday itself was compiled.
- (2) The INQUISITIO ELIENSIS, a document similar in nature to the foregoing, relating to the property of the Monastery of Ely. It is preserved in a Register of the Monastery remaining among the Cottonian MSS. in the British Museum (Tiberius A. VI), and belongs apparently to the twelfth century.

The INQUISITIO COMITATUS CANTABRIGIENSIS, which is contained in the same volume and appears to be the original Return made by the *Juratores* of the County of Cambridge at the time of the Domesday Survey, was edited, together with the INQUISITIO ELIENSIS, for the Royal Society of Literature by N. E. S. A. Hamilton in 1876.

- (3) The WINTON DOMESDAY, now in the Library of the Society of Antiquaries, consisting of a Survey taken before



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William, Bishop of Winchester, between the years 1107 and 1128, for the purpose of ascertaining what lands were held in Winchester by Edward the Confessor as of his own demesne.

- (4) The **BOLDON BOOK**, or Survey of the Palatinate of Durham, taken by command of Hugh Pudsey, Bishop of Durham, in the year 1183. This volume apparently took its name from the village of Boldon, near Sunderland, reference to which is frequently made in the Survey. The original Manuscript is lost, but there are four copies now extant: one, formerly in the Auditor's Office, Durham, now in the Public Record Office (Rentals and Surveys, Bundle 21, No. 28); one in the Library of the Dean and Chapter of Durham; one in the Bodleian Library; and one amongst the Stowe MSS. at the British Museum.

An *Introduction* to Domesday Book, by Sir H. Ellis, with Indexes of Tenants-in-Chief and Under-Tenants, &c., was published in 1833 in 2 Vols. 8vo.

A *Facsimile* of Domesday Book, taken by Photozincography, was completed in 1863. It is in 33 Parts, one for each County represented..

**Forest Proceedings.**

Henry III to Charles II. 343 Rolls, &c. Pleas, Claims, Perambulations, and Inquisitions 'de statu Forestæ' relating to the Royal Forests, which were formerly preserved in the Chapter House.

*MS. Descriptive List.*

*Calendar.* 2 Vols. MS.

*Index.* 'Le Neve's Indexes,' Vol. 40. 1 Vol. MS.

*Abstracts.* 'Perambulations and Pleas of the Forest.' 1 Vol. MS.

**Indentures of Foundation of Henry the Seventh's Chapel.**

A.D. 1504. 26 Parcels, &c. Two volumes bound in crimson velvet, with bosses and clasps of silver gilt and enamelled, containing Indentures between King Henry VII and the Abbot and Convent of St. Peter's, Westminster, and other persons, concerning the celebration of divine service and the distribution of alms. The seals of the Abbot and Convent and others are appended in silver cases.

There is a similar Indenture, dated somewhat later in the same year, bound in purple velvet, and a collection of subsidiary Indentures.

**Indentures of Receipt for Standard Ale Measures.**

12 William III. 1 Box. These are the receipts given by the Collectors of Excise to the Commissioners of the Treasury and Chamberlains of the Exchequer for the standard ale measures to be kept in the various towns in their respective districts in pursuance of the Statute 11 & 12 Will. III, c. 15.

**Loans, Privy Seals, &c., for.**

Edward III to Charles I. 58 Bundles. These consist of Privy Seals, Letters Patent, &c., for the repayment of Loans to the King, with Commissions to raise money on loans and the returns thereto, &c., &c.

**Marshalsea Inquisition.**

6 Henry VI. 1 Membrane. An inquisition taken before the Steward and Marshal of the King's Household at Ware, co. Hertford, concerning the repair of a footbridge at Braughin in the same county, with the seal of the Marshalsea Court attached.

**Placita Aulae Regis or Marshalsea Court.**

Edward I to James I. 33 Rolls. These are the Plea Rolls of the Aula Regis or Marshalsea Court from 10 Edward I to 1 Henry IV and of the Court of the Verge from 11 to 21 James I.

The Marshalsea Court, or Court of the Marshalsea of the King's Household, was originally instituted for the purpose of administering justice between the King's domestic servants.

It was presided over by the Lord Steward and the Earl Marshal, and was at first held in the Aula Regis. Eventually it became a distinct jurisdiction, being established as a Court of Record by Letters Patent of 9 James I under the title of 'Curia Virgæ Palatii Domini Regis,' and holding pleas of all personal actions and of all trespasses committed within the verge of the Court (12 miles round the royal residence). If, however, the damages were stated in the declaration to amount to £5 or upwards the Defendant was empowered by Statute 21 Jas. I, c. 23, to remove the cause by *habeas corpus* to a Superior Court. This Court gave place in 6 Charles I to a new Court called the **PALACE COURT**, the records of which are described elsewhere in the present work.

A list of the Rolls of the Marshalsea Court and the Court of the Verge will be found at page 76 of the printed list of Plea Rolls (Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910).

**Privy Seals, &c., Specimens of.**

Edward III and Richard II. A few specimens of the Privy Seal and Signet in particularly good condition.

**Scottish Documents.**

Edward I to Elizabeth. These consist of Diplomatic and other documents relating to the affairs of Scotland, including the Exchequer version of the 'Great Roll of Scotland' (in duplicate) as printed in Rymer's *Fœdera*, and the original Submissions or 'Homage Bills' of the Scottish nobility to Edward I. They are contained in 5 Portfolios (numbered 1 to 5) and 97 Boxes (numbered 6 to 102). Most of these documents have been printed either in Rymer's *Fœdera*, in Palgrave's *Documents illustrative of the History of Scotland*, or in Stevenson's Collections on the same subject. They are included in Bain's *Calendar of Documents in the Public Record Office relating to Scotland*, 1108-1509, (four volumes published under the direction of the Deputy Clerk Register of Scotland). A list of them, to be included in that of the Diplomatic Documents referred to above (p. 213), is in preparation.

**Surrenders and Annexations to Cardinal College.**

A.D. 1525. 21 Documents in 4 Cases. Cardinal Wolsey in April, 1524, being desirous of founding two Colleges, viz., one at Ipswich (his birthplace) and one at Oxford, and 'finding that there were several mean monasteries in England in which both the revenues and the number of the religious were too small to keep up regular discipline, church service, and hospitality,' obtained a bull from Pope Clement VII for suppressing the Priory of St. Frideswide, in Oxford; and another, in September of the same year, for the suppression of as many small monasteries as were needed to raise a revenue not exceeding 3,000 ducats per annum. In January, 1525, the Royal consent was obtained thereto, and Commissioners were appointed to carry the suppression into effect. In 1528 and 1529 several other bulls were granted for similar purposes, and thus the way may be considered to have been paved towards the general dissolution of the monasteries.

The present documents are the instruments made by the several Commissioners recording the surrender to them of the various Monasteries and the act dissolving them and annexing their possessions to Cardinal College. They are described in detail in the *Calendar of Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, Vol. IV, Part I, No. 1137.

For other records relating to Cardinal College see below **Wolsey's Patents** and the Index to the present work.

**Wills, Royal.**

The Wills of Richard II, Henry V, Henry VII, and Henry VIII, each forming a separate volume.

**Wolsey's Patents.**

A.D. 1525 to 1530. 23 Boxes. These are the original Grants by Cardinal Wolsey to the Colleges at Oxford and Ipswich of the possessions of the several Monasteries surrendered to him for their endowment. They include also the Cardinal's Commissions to suppress some of the Monasteries and other documents relative to his possessions. They are described in the *Calendar of Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, Vol. IV *passim*.

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## [THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH.]

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This Court was the remnant of the ancient *Curia Regis* or King's Court, which changed its title into that of *Bancus Regius* or King's Bench about the end of the reign of Henry the Third. It was so called because the King used formerly to sit in Court in person, the style of the Court being afterwards continued as *coram ipso rege*. During the reign of a Queen it was called the Queen's Bench, and during the period of the Commonwealth it was styled the Upper Bench.

The Court of King's Bench consisted of a Chief Justice and three puisne Judges, formerly four or five. Although the King occasionally sat himself in this Court, and was always supposed to do so, he did not determine any cause or motion except by the mouth of his Judges, to whom he committed his whole judicial authority. This Court was not, nor could it, from its nature and constitution, be fixed to any certain place, but followed the King's person wherever he went, for which reason all process issuing out of it in the King's name was returnable '*ubicunque fuerimus in Anglia*,' wheresoever we shall then be in England. It was, indeed, for some centuries past, usually held at Westminster, being an ancient palace of the Crown, 'but might remove with the King to York or Exeter if he thought proper to command it.'

After the division of the *Curia Regis*, and the establishment of the Court of Common Pleas for the express purpose of determining civil suits, the Court of King's Bench exercised especial jurisdiction in all criminal matters and pleas of the Crown, leaving the judgment of private contracts and civil actions to the Common Pleas and other Courts.

The more modern jurisdiction of the Court was very high and transcendent, and it afterwards took cognizance of both criminal and civil causes; the former in what was called the Crown side or Crown Office, the latter in the Plea side of the Court.

On the Crown side it took cognizance of all criminal causes, from high treason down to the most trivial misdemeanour or breach of the peace. Into this Court also indictments from all inferior Courts might be removed by a writ of *certiorari* and tried, either at bar or at *nisi prius*, by a Jury of the County out of which the indictment was brought.

The Plea side or civil branch of this Court originally took cognizance of all actions of trespass or other injury alleged to be committed *vi et armis*; of actions for forgery of deeds, maintenance, conspiracy, deceit, and actions on the case which allege any falsity or fraud; and all actions which savour of a criminal nature although the action is brought for a civil remedy, or which make the defendant liable in strictness to pay a fine to the King as well as damages to the injured party. But the Court might hold plea of any civil action, provided the defendant was an officer of the Court or in the *custody of the Marshal of the Court* for a breach of the peace or any other offence.

And thus in process of time it began by a legal fiction to hold plea of all personal actions whatsoever, it being surmised that the defendant was arrested for a supposed trespass, which he had never in reality committed, and being thus in the custody of the Marshal of the Court, the plaintiff was at liberty to proceed against him for any other personal injury.

The principal Officers on the King's Bench were as follows :—

On the *Crown Side* :

The CLERK OF THE CROWN, or Clerk of the Crown Office, who framed and recorded all Indictments against offenders therein arraigned of any public crime ; he also taxed costs, nominated all Special Juries on the Crown Side, took recognizances and inquisitions on the death of any prisoner dying in the King's Bench Prison, &c.

The SECONDARY, who drew up the paper book and made an estreat of all fines, &c., forfeited to the Crown.

The CLERK OF THE RULES, the EXAMINER, the CALENDAR KEEPER, and the CLERKS IN COURT.

On the *Plea Side* :

The CHIEF CLERKS.

The SECONDARY, who signed all judgments, &c., and in whose office were filed all writs returned, &c.

The CUSTOS BREVIIUM, who filed all original writs and writs in Outlawry, and had several clerks under him for making up Records throughout England.

The CLERK OF THE PAPERS, who made up the Paper Books of 'Special Pleas and Demurrers,' &c.

The CLERK OF THE DECLARATIONS.

The CLERK OF THE RULES.

The CLERK OF THE BAILS AND POSTEAS.

The CLERK OF THE ERRORS.

The FILAZERS, and others.

Under the Judicature Acts of 1873 and subsequent years the Court of King's Bench was abolished and its business transferred to the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice. The description of the records of that Division, therefore, so far as its Plea or civil side is concerned, is to be looked for in this work in the section devoted to the **SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE**. Inasmuch, however, as the practice of the Crown Office of the former Court does not appear to have been materially affected by the change, the records of that Office in the new Division have been arranged with those of the ancient Court and are here described with them.

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## RECORDS OF THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH (CROWN SIDE)

INCLUDING, SINCE THE PASSING OF THE JUDICATURE ACT OF 1873,  
THOSE OF THE CROWN OFFICE OF THE KING'S BENCH DIVISION  
OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

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### **Affidavits (General).**

1716 to 1886. 307 Bundles. These consist of all Affidavits filed in Court, and include Affidavits to support Informations, and for the issue of Writs of Mandamus and Writs of Quo Warranto.

*Indexes.* 1738 to 1885. 20 Vols.

### **Affidavits (Supplementary).**

1689 to 1737. 1 Bundle.

### **Appeals from Inferior Courts.**

1876 to 1886. 14 Bundles. These are Appeals from Inferior Courts to the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice.

*Indexes.* 3 Vols.

### **Barristers' Rolls.**

1868 to 1886. 1 Bundle. These are the rolls which have been signed by Barristers upon call since under the Promissory Oaths Act (31 & 32 Vict., cap. 72) they have been no longer required to take the Oath of Allegiance. The signing of the roll gives a barrister the right to practise in the Courts and the rolls therefore serve as the official record of the members of the Bar. Prior to Michaelmas, 1868, the signatures of Barristers will be found on the Swearing or Oath Rolls.\*

### **Court for the Consideration of Crown Cases Reserved.**

**Pleadings.** 1848 to 1886. 4 Bundles. These consist of the Cases stated for the consideration of the Court and miscellaneous papers relative thereto.

**Orders.** 1853 to 1856. 1 Vol.

This Court was established pursuant to the Statute 11 and 12 Vict., cap. 78, and consisted of the Judges of the High Court of Justice, who sat as occasion might require. The jurisdiction of the Court has, under the Statute of 7 Edward VII, cap. 23, now been transferred to the Court of Criminal Appeal.

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\* See the Article on the Barristers' Rolls by Mr. W. C. Bolland in the *Law Quarterly Review*, XXIII, 438-441 (Oct., 1907).



**De Contumace Capiendo, Enrolments of Writs of.**

1844 to 1880. 1 Bundle. The Writ *de Contumace capiendo* was instituted by the Statute 53 Geo. III, c. 127, 'for the better regulation of the Ecclesiastical Courts in England,' and took the place of the Writ *de Excommunicato capiendo*, thereby abolished. Both Writs issued out of the Chancery, but were returnable in the King's Bench. Those prior to 1844 are enrolled on the Controlment Rolls.

**Depositions.**

1836 to 1886. 6 Bundles.

**Error, Records in.**

1737 to 1836. 16 Bundles. These consist for the most part of Transcripts of records in error from Courts in Ireland to the Court of King's Bench with the proceedings thereon. They include also a few proceedings in error in the House of Lords from the King's Bench.

**Indictments.**

The files of Indictments contain, in addition to the original Indictments found by the Grand Jury in the Court of King's Bench, all Informations exhibited on the Crown side of the Court, and also such Indictments, Presentments and Convictions as were removed into the King's Bench from the Courts of Quarter Sessions and elsewhere by Certiorari or Writ of Error.

In them are also to be found the Coroners' Inquisitions from a very early date; and Inquisitions *de gestu et fama*.

The Indictments are in five Series, as follows:—

**(1) Baga de Secretis.**

17 Edward IV to 53 George III. 91 Pouches, &c., in 26 Packages.

**(2) Indictments (Ancient).**

Edward I to 1675. 932 Files. Files 1 to 150 are arranged in Counties, the remainder chronologically. This series is very incomplete.

**(3) Indictments (London and Middlesex).**

1675 to 1845. 92 Bundles. Arranged in Files Term by Term.

**(4) Indictments (Out Counties).**

1675 to 1845. 107 Bundles. Arranged as above.

**(5) Indictments (London and Middlesex and Out Counties, Amalgamated).**

1846 to 1886. 161 Bundles. Arranged as above.

The term 'BAGA DE SECRETIS' was originally applied not only to the special class (1) above, but also to the greater number of the documents now forming the class of ANCIENT INDICTMENTS. By the beginning of the 14th century the contents of these latter files are regularly referred to in the Controlment Rolls as of the 'Baga de Secretis,' the reference being at first to the Baga of such a year and a little later more definitely to the Baga of such

**Indictments**—(continued).

a term. By the reign of Edward IV the order of the cases on the files and that of their mention in the Controlment Roll are identical.

The origin of the class to which the term 'Baga de Secretis' became more exclusively applied seems to have been due to the establishment of a special closet in the interests of the Crown for the preservation of the records of those treason or state trials in which it was more particularly concerned. It was at first, however, the practice to transfer to this closet not merely the records of these special trials, but the whole of the ordinary file for the term to which they belonged, so that gaps in the series of the Ancient Indictments are occasionally to be filled from the 'Baga de Secretis.'\*

The Records now known as the 'Baga de Secretis' were formerly kept under three keys, one of which was held by the Lord Chief Justice, another by the Attorney-General, and the third by the Master of the Crown Office, the 'Baga' being deposited in a closet, which has long since disappeared. The proceedings are placed in small bags or pouches, a *Descriptive Inventory* and *Calendar* of which is printed in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. Amongst these important records will be found the Trials and Convictions of Anne Boleyn, of Sir Walter Raleigh and others, of Guy Fawkes, of Sir Hardress Waller and the other regicides of the adherents of the House of Stuart in 1715 and 1745, and other documents of the greatest historical interest. The proceedings with regard to Perkin Warbeck's conspiracy in the reign of Henry VII, recently discovered and added to this series, are described in the Deputy Keeper's 53rd Report, App. II.

The 'Bag Roll' (the first portion of the Controlment Roll) on which the minutes of all Indictments are entered, gives from the reign of Charles II onwards numerical references to the originals.

There are also Indexes called 'Pye Books,' consisting of 16 Vols., 11 of which relate to London and Middlesex and 5 to the Out Counties, and extending in date from the reign of Charles II to the year 1843. These, however, are merely Indices Nominum and are not of much service.

From 1844 to 1886 there is an *Index* in 3 Vols.

**Inquisitions, Coroners'.**

1748 to 1767. 1 Bundle. A small collection of Inquisitions post mortem taken before the Coroners in various counties.

From about 1760 the Coroner's Inquisitions are filed with the Clerks of the Peace of the several counties.

**Inquisitions on Prisoners, Coroners'.**

1747 to 1839. 2 Bundles. A collection of Inquisitions post mortem on the prisoners who died in the King's Bench Prison.

\* See the article on 'The Baga de Secretis,' by Mr. L. W. Vernon Harcourt, in the *Eng. Hist. Review* XXIII, 508 seqq.

**Miscellanea.**

Charles I to 1856. 25 Bundles. Affidavits in Customs and Excise cases, bills against prisoners and attorneys, presentments and returns of High Constables, interrogatories on contempts, and other miscellaneous documents.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

34 Volumes, as follows :—

AMERCEMENTS AND RECOGNIZANCES FORFEITED, 1650 to 1715.  
1 Vol.

APPEARANCE BOOKS, 1725 to 1843. 10 Vols. (including an Index for London and Middlesex, 1820 to 1822).

NOTICE OF TRIAL BOOKS, 1698 to 1843. 10 Vols.

PROCESS BOOKS, MIDDLESEX, 1736 to 1820. 8 Vols.

WRIT BOOKS, 1854 to 1882. 3 Vols.

REGISTRATION APPEALS (Parliamentary franchise) :

List of Cases, 1872 to 1888. 1 Vol.

Orders on Appeals, 1874 to 1886. 1 Vol.

**Orders, Records of, and Writs Returned.**

1690 to 1886. 128 Bundles. These consist of all Writs returned into the Crown side of the Court (except Writs of Certiorari to remove Indictments, &c., which are filed with the Indictments).

The 'Records of Orders' are copies of the Orders and other proceedings in Special Cases reserved at Quarter Sessions, sent up for the consideration of the Court of King's Bench.

Prior to 1842 the Writs and Orders are filed together. Subsequently to that date they are in separate bundles.

*Indexes.* 'Writs Returned.' 1844 to 1881. 2 Vols.

'Records of Orders.' 1844 to 1887. 3 Vols.

**Outlawry Proceedings.**

1739 to 1844. 1 Bundle. Writs of *capias* and *exigi facias*, with the returns thereto.

**Papists in Lancaster, Returns of.**

George I. 1 Bundle. These contain the names of those Papists in the County of Lancaster who had been summoned to take the Oath of Allegiance pursuant to the Statute 9 George I, but who did not appear.

**Pleadings.**

1820 to 1875. 2 Bundles. Pleas, replications, rejoinders and similar pleadings including Special Cases for the consideration of the Court.

**PLEA ROLLS :****Rolls of the Curia Regis.**

5 Richard I to 56 Henry III. 223 Rolls. The Rolls of the 'Curia Regis' continue to be so described until the end of the reign of Henry III, although there is evidence that as far back as 19 Henry III, and probably much earlier, there were two



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distinct classes of Plea Rolls, the one consisting of Pleas before the King himself, or 'Placita coram Rege,' and the other of Pleas before the Justices of the Bench, sitting at Westminster, or 'Placita de Banco,' the latter from the first year of Edward I being long ago formed into a separate class as records of the Court of Common Pleas. The earlier rolls seldom give a more precise heading than 'Placita' or 'Placita apud Westmonasterium,' and it has therefore been considered unwise to attempt a definite classification before the reign of Edward I. A List of the Curia Regis Rolls, giving the title of each roll as it appears on the original document, is included in the List of Plea Rolls issued in the Series of Lists and Indexes.

Some of the Rolls of the Curia Regis from 6 Richard I to 1 John, inclusive, were printed in full by the Record Commissioners in two vols. 8vo.

Abstracts of these Rolls will be found in the *Placitorum Abbreviatio*, also printed by the Record Commissioners, and in MS. in Vols. 6, 29 and 43 of *Agarde's Indexes*.

**Placita coram Rege or 'Coram Rege Rolls.'**

1 Edward I to 13 William III. 2,149 Rolls.

**Crown Rolls.**

1 Anne to 1886. 694 Rolls.

From 1 Edward I to the end of the reign of William III, the Placita coram Rege, or as they are generally called 'Coram Rege Rolls,' contain entries of all the proceedings in the Court of King's Bench, both on the Civil side and the Crown side, the proceedings of the Crown side forming the latter part of each roll, and being distinguished as the 'Rex Roll.' In the first year of Queen Anne the Pleadings in Civil Causes were separated and formed the 'Plea Rolls' or 'Judgment Rolls' of the Court, the Placita coram Rege being thenceforward known as the 'Crown Rolls.'

Deeds between private persons are frequently enrolled on the Coram Rege Rolls.

The means of reference to the Placita coram Rege and the Crown Rolls are as follows:—

Edward I and Edward II. Abstracts (selected) printed in *Placitorum Abbreviatio* (Record Commission. 1 vol. folio).

*Agarde's Indexes*. The following relate to the Coram Rege Rolls:—

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| 6.  | Ric. I to Edw. III. | Abstracts of Placita Coram Rege (with a Table of Contents).  |
| 7.  | Hen. IV and Hen. V. | Do. (with Indices Locorum et Rerum).   |
| 30. | 1 to 35 Edw. I.     | Abstracts of Placita Coram Rege, &c., with Indices Locorum et Rerum, arranged under counties. (Printed in <i>Abbreviatio Placitorum</i> .) |
| 31. | Temp. Edw. I.       | Abstracts of Placita Coram Rege, &c. (Printed in <i>Abbreviatio Placitorum</i> .)  |
| 34. | 1 to 20 Edw. II.    | Abstracts of Placita Coram Rege, &c. (Printed in <i>Abbreviatio Placitorum</i> .)  |

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| 35. | 1 to 22 Edw. III.  | Abstracts of Placita Coram Rege (with Indices Locorum et Rerum, and a List of Obsolete Words, &c.)  |
| 36. | 23 to 51 Edw. III. | Abstracts of Placita Coram Rege (with Indices Locorum et Rerum).  |
| 37. | 1 to 22 Ric. II.   | Do. (with an Index Locorum).  |
| 43. | John to Hen. V.    | 'Adjudicata Placitorum in Banco Regis.' Abstracts of <i>Judgments</i> selected from the Placita Coram Rege, Placita de Banco, &c., with indexes to the subjects, &c., &c. |

*Docket Rolls.* 13 Richard II to 1655 (Hilary). 63 Rolls. These refer to the Civil Pleas enrolled on the Coram Rege Rolls. They appear to be Memoranda or 'Remembrances,' kept by the several Clerks of the Custos Brevium, of the writs, &c., returned in the Plea Side of the Court, showing the numbers of the rolls, or membranes, on which the proceedings were subsequently entered by the said clerks. The series is unfortunately broken, in the earlier rolls one or two only of the clerks being represented. From the reign of Henry VIII onward, however, the rolls appear to be fairly complete.

*Do.* called '*Special Remembrance Rolls.*' 1595 to 1648. 3 Rolls. These contain references to the Deeds Enrolled and Proceedings in Error only. From 1656 there is a separate MS. Index to the Deeds Enrolled on the Coram Rege Rolls and the Plea Rolls of the Plea side, *q.v.*

*Docket Books.* 1656 Hilary to 1839. 331 Vols. These also refer only to the Civil Pleas and consequently from Easter, 1702, relate to the Plea Rolls on the Plea side of the Court, where their nature is more fully described in the present work.

References to the *Crown* cases on the Coram Rege or Crown Rolls are given in the second portion (the '*Roll of Entries*') of the Controlment Rolls described below. From 1630 to 1843 reference to the causes is also to be made by means of the '*Great Doggett Books.*' 17 Vols. MS. These books contain entries of all pleas and other proceedings in the Court, term by term, specifying the date and number of the indictment, the date of the controlment or minute of the entry, and frequently the number of the membrane of the Crown Roll, on which the proceedings are entered in full. The series is very imperfect prior to the year 1675.

N.B.—The numbers in the left-hand margin of these books, when any such are given, refer to the Crown Roll of the same term. Those in the right-hand margin refer to the Crown Roll of the same date as the Controlment specified, thus: '*By Controlment of Michaelmas last, Roll 7,*' means that the proceedings will be found on Roll 7 of the Crown Roll of that Term.

*Index to Crown Rolls.* 1860 to 1877. 1 Vol. MS.

**Controlment Rolls.**

3 Edward III to 1843. 503 Rolls. The Controlment Rolls contain minutes of the processes conducted under the criminal jurisdiction of the Crown, their object being to enable the

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progress and result of the cases mentioned in them to be readily ascertained. They give marginal references to the *Coram Rege* Roll of the current term with *posteads* containing references to proceedings on the rolls of subsequent terms. In the later rolls, however, the reference to the Crown Roll is not always given.

In their final form the Controlment Rolls consist of three portions, the first of which is known as the 'Bag Roll' and contains minutes of all Writs of *Venire Facias* and other Writs issued in each Term, with numerical references to the Indictments; the second portion or 'Roll of Entries,' contains minutes of the Appearances and Pleas in each Term, with references to the *Coram Rege* or Crown Roll; and the third, or 'Special Writ Roll,' contains enrolments in full of the Writs of *Mandamus* (which, when no return was made thereto, do not appear on the Crown Roll), and of other Special Writs.

**Posteads.**

1664 to 1839. 43 Bundles.

**Precedents.**

23 Bundles. A collection of precedents in cases of treason, riot, libel, murders abroad, insults to foreign sovereigns, &c.

**Rule or Order Books.**

1589 to 1886. 85 Vols.

**Rule Books (Court of Appeal).**

1875 to 1885. 2 Vols. (one of Appeals from the King's Bench and one of general Appeals, 1881 to 1883).

**Sacrament Certificates.**

1676, and 1728 to 1828. 10 Bags. These are the Certificates, signed by the Ministers and Churchwardens of each Parish, of such persons as had received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper pursuant to the Test Act of 25 Charles II.

**Special Cases.**

1857 to 1881. 5 Bundles.

*Index.* 1869 to 1881. 1 vol.

**'Swearing Rolls' or Oath Rolls.**

1673 to 1886. 4 Bundles. These consist of Oath Rolls of various kinds, including Oaths of Allegiance, Sacrament and Test Oaths, and Oath Rolls of Naturalization from 1708 to 1712. The latter were taken under the Statute 7 Anne, cap. 5, whereby it was enacted that all Foreign Protestants who subscribed the Oath Rolls in the Courts of Chancery, King's Bench, Common Pleas, or Exchequer, or at General Quarter Sessions, should be deemed and taken to be natural-born British subjects



## RECORDS OF THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH (PLEA SIDE).

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### **Affidavits (General).**

1734 to 1875. 42 Bundles. Only Affidavits relating to questions of title or possessing material interest are preserved.

*Index.* 1734 to 1848. 1 Vol. MS.

### **Appearance Books.**

1738 to 1843. 30 Vols. These are entries of Appearances in Ejectment as well as of those in other actions.

### **Attorneys, Admissions of, &c.**

The Records relating to Attorneys and Solicitors consist of the original Oath Rolls, signed by the Attorneys, &c., on their admission, the Rolls or Books of Attorneys or Alphabetical Registers of the Names and Addresses of the Attorneys admitted in each court, with the dates of their admission, &c., the Affidavits of due execution of Articles of Clerkship (to which the Articles themselves are occasionally annexed), Certificate Books, containing the names and addresses of those who took out their annual certificates, with other documents of the like nature. No formal record of the Admissions of Attorneys appears to have been kept prior to the year 1729, when the enrolment thereof was rendered compulsory.

The following classes amongst the records of the Court of King's Bench relate to the admissions, &c., of Attorneys. For records of a later date than 1875 see under **SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE**.

### **Articles of Clerkship, &c. ('Admission Papers').**

1838 to 1875. 129 Bundles. These consist of Affidavits of due service of Articles of Clerkship, with the Articles annexed. They are arranged alphabetically under the date of Admission. This date must be obtained from the Admission registers which are now in the custody of the Incorporated Law Society.

### **Affidavits of the due execution of Articles of Clerkship.**

Series I. 1775 to 1817. (Registered Nos. 3001\* to 20,000.)

Series II. 1817 to 1834. (Registered Nos. 1 to 15,000.)

Series III. 1834 to 1875. (1834 to 1839 Registered Nos. 1 to 2,993; subsequently to 1839 the affidavits are arranged in terms.)

*Registers of Articles of Clerkship.* 1749 to 1875. 9 Vols.

*Indexes to the Registers.* 1749 to 1845. 6 Vols.

*Rolls or Books of Attorneys.* 1729 to 1867. 12 Vols. These include both private and public attorneys. The Rolls of Attorneys of a later date than 1842 are preserved at the Office

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\* There are no Affidavits corresponding to the first 3,000 Nos. in the Register.

**Attorneys, Admissions of, &c.**—(continued).

of the Incorporated Law Society. One of the above volumes contains the names from 1830 to 1834 of those Attorneys who signed the Roll pursuant to the Statute 1 William IV, having been previously admitted in one of the Welsh Courts, and another the names of Attorneys previously admitted in the Courts of Common Pleas and Exchequer between 1843 and 1867.

*Attorneys' Residence Books.* 1790 to 1828. 3 vols.

**Articles of Clerkship of persons not admitted.**

1831 to 1848. 1 Bundle.

**Attorneys' Certificate Books.**

1785 to 1843. 61 Vols. These contain the names and addresses of Attorneys who took out their annual Certificates.

**Attorneys' Oath Rolls.**

1750 to 1874. 4 Rolls. These are the original rolls signed by the Attorneys on their admission.

**Articles of Clerkship : Miscellaneous Papers.**

1828 to 1889. 5 Bundles. Papers relating to the transfer of Articles, striking off the Roll, litigation, registration, &c.

**Bills of Sale :**

**Original.** 1854 to 1878. 5 Bundles.

*Indexes.* 2 Vols.

**Registers of.** 1859 to 1875. 86 Vols. For the Registers after 1875 see the Records of the **SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE.**

**Common Prayer Book.**

A sealed Copy of the Book of Common Prayer, deposited in pursuance of the Act of Uniformity, 14 Chas. II.

**Depositions.**

1802 to 1875. 11 Bundles. Commissions to take evidence and Depositions of Witnesses.

*Index.* 1859 to 1875. 1 Vol.

**Ejectment :**

**Declarations in.**

1728 to 1848. 138 Bundles.

**Rules (consent) in :**

Series I. 1720 to 1842. 20 Vols.

Series II. 1721 to 1836. 24 Vols.

*Indexes.* 1734 to 1848. 40 Vols. The actions are indexed under the term when the Rule was made, but the numbers refer to the Declarations which were made usually in the preceding

**Ejectment**—(continued).

term. Before 1790 the indexes do not give the lessor's name and are of little use.

*Appearances in Ejectment.* 1728 to 1833. 4 Vols. These relate to Essex and Monmouthshire only. For the general entries see above **Appearance Books**.

An action of Ejectment was originally an Action brought by one who had a lease for a term of years to recover the injury done to him by dispossession. It afterwards became converted into a method of trying titles to the freehold: the Claimant made a formal entry on the premises, and being thus in temporary possession thereof, sealed and delivered a lease to some third person or lessee, who was then left upon the premises till the prior tenant entered thereon afresh and ousted him, or till some other person, then called the *casual ejector*, either by accident or agreement, came upon the land and ejected him. The lessee was thereupon entitled to his action of ejectment against the tenant or the casual ejector, as the case might be, for the recovery of his term with damages.

In the time of the Commonwealth, however, a new and more simple method of trying titles by Writ of Ejectment was introduced by Chief Justice Rolle, and continued in use till about the middle of the last century. This new method was based upon a series of legal fictions—no actual lease was made, no actual entry by the plaintiff, no actual ouster by the defendant; but all were assumed for the sole purpose of trying the title. The usual course was to draw up a *Declaration*, in which a lease of the premises for a term of years was stated to have been made by him who claimed the title to a fictitious personage, *John Doe*, who is the nominal plaintiff in the action. It was also stated that Doe, the lessee, entered, and that the defendant, Richard Roe, who is called the *casual ejector*, ousted him, for which ouster he brought this action. A written notice was then sent by the defendant, Roe, to the tenant in possession of the lands, informing him of the action brought by John Doe, and transmitting him a copy of the declaration, at the same time assuring him that he, Roe, the defendant, had no title at all to the premises, and should make no defence; and therefore advising him to appear in court and defend his own title, otherwise he, the casual ejector, would suffer judgment to be had against him by default. On receipt of this friendly notice, the tenant must either appear by his Attorney at the beginning of the following term and consent to a *Rule* making him the defendant instead of the *casual ejector*, or, if he does not so appear within the time appointed, on an affidavit being made of due service of the Declaration and Notice aforesaid, judgment is given by default against the casual ejector, and the tenant in possession is on such judgment turned out by a writ of *Habere facias possessionem*.

When judgment in an action of Ejectment is allowed to go by default, it is entered in the Docket Book under the name of the casual ejector, Roe; when, however, the tenant takes upon himself the defence of the action, it is entered under his, the real defendant's, name.



### Essoin Rolls.

Edw. III to Hen. V. 75 Rolls.

3 Hen. VII to 40 Geo. III. 1 Roll.

These contain entries of 'Essoins' or 'excuses' for non-appearance in answer to the Writs of Summons issued by the Court, and also of the Writs directing no essoin to be received in certain cases.

### Miscellanea.

Henry VIII to 1874. 39 Bundles. This class includes, amongst a mass of unclassified documents of minor importance, the following :—

List of Causes, 1668 to 1687 (*Bundle 1*).

Depositions taken by Commission, 1827 to 1837 (*Bundle 2*).

Marshal's Dockets of Commitments, 1730 to 1822 (*Bundle 3*).

Committiturs, 1634 to 1659 (*Bundle 4*).

Informations, presentments, pleas, postea, writs and returns including Coroners' inquisitions and other miscellaneous documents, Henry VIII to George IV (*Bundles 5 to 7*).

Extents and Inquisitions in Outlawries, George III to Victoria (*Bundle 8*).

Writs of Error and Certiorari with transcripts of records from local and inferior Courts, Henry VIII to William IV (*Bundles 10 to 15*, the last bundle consisting of proceedings in Irish Courts).

Writs of *Habeas Corpus*, *Recordari Facias*, &c., 1649 to 1684 (*Bundles 24 to 35*).

Specimens of classes of documents scheduled for destruction (*Bundle 36*).

Exhibits in the Court of Exchequer Chamber, 1826 to 1875 (*Bundle 37*).

Record and Postea in *Hilton v. Lord Grenville*, 1847 (*Bundle 38*).

Bill of Exceptions in *Cutts v. Duke of Rutland*, 1867 (*Bundle 39*).

### Miscellaneous Books.

1675 to 1876. 119 Vols. as follows :—

- 1-30. Accounts of money paid into and out of Court, 1675 to 1837.
- 31, 32. Receipts for money paid out of Court, 1832 to 1837.
33. Account of moneys received by the signer of Writs, 1715 to 1780.
- 34, 35. Entry Books of Causes in the Exchequer Chamber, George III to Victoria.
- 36-43. Filazers' Entry Books, 1820 to 1837.
44. Docket Book of Filazers' Rolls, 1761 to 1799.
- 45-47. Entry Books of Judgments on Writs of Trial, William IV.
- 48-69. Marshal's Surrender Books, 1719 to 1838.
- 70-72. Re. Fa. Lo. Books, 1794 to 1844. These contain entries of Writs of *Recordari facias loquelam*.

**Miscellaneous Books**—(continued).

Vols.

- 73. Note Book as to procedure and fees of the Court, 18th cent.
- 74. Rules and Orders, 1731 to 1802.
- 75-95. Prisoners' Rules of Discharge, 1729 to 1838.
- 96. 'Forms of Writs': a Precedent Book.
- 97-112. Entry Books of Final Judgments on Postea and Inquiries, 1760 to 1837.  
*Indexes.* Day Books of Postea and Inquiries, 1818 to 1834 (Indexes to the Entry Books under Defendants' names).
- 113-115. Docket Books of Proceedings in Outlawry, 1684 to 1840.
- 116. Rule Book in Errors, 1863 to 1876.
- 117. Minute Book of Proceedings in Error, 1864 to 1875.
- 118. Side Bar Rules, 1870.
- 119. Error Book, 1853 to 1860.

**Plea or Judgment Rolls.**

1702 to 1875. 1,496 Rolls. Prior to 1702 all Pleas, whether on the Plea side or the Crown side of the Court, were entered on the *Placita coram Rege* or '*Coram Rege Rolls*,' described on pp. 225, 226.

From 1702 the Plea Rolls contain, in addition to the pleas on the Plea side of the Court, the entries of the proceedings in Appeal to the Court of Exchequer Chamber and the Deeds enrolled in the King's Bench. The Plea Rolls subsequent to the reign of George II are very imperfect owing to the frequent neglect of the attorneys to carry in the rolls to be filed after the Judgment had been duly signed. The practice of the Court in making up these rolls is thus described in the Second Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records:—

The '*Judgment Rolls*,' or parchment membranes on which the judgments were, or ought to have been entered or engrossed by the attorneys (which entering or engrossing was much more often omitted than done), were procured by the attorney from a Law Stationer, and, the '*incipitur*' or first lines of the proceedings being by him engrossed on the roll, he took it to the Judgment Office and a certain '*Number*' was there assigned to him which was placed at the foot of the membrane.

These rolls, when completed and the judgment entered thereon, ought to have been, and in earlier times were, carried by the attorneys into the Court and there deposited, to be made up into Terminal Rolls. For this a small fee was formerly allowed to the attorneys and, if not brought in until after a certain period, he was charged a '*post terminum fee*' for his neglect.

The payment to the attorney and also the *post terminum fee* being abolished by the Fee Commissioners, the bringing in of the judgment rolls soon fell into disuse, and at the beginning of the reign of Queen Victoria scarcely one roll in ten was brought in. The Entry Books of Judgments and the Rule Books thus became in very many cases the sole record kept by the Court.

**Plea or Judgment Rolls**—(continued).

*Docket Books.* 1656 Hilary to 1839. 331 Vols. Prior to 1702 the Pleas to which these books refer are entered on the **Coram Rege Rolls** (q.v., p. 225). Subsequent to 1692 these books were kept in the form prescribed by a Statute of 4 William and Mary 'for the better discovery of Judgments in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, at Westminster,' which directed that the particulars of all judgments for debt entered in the respective Courts should be put into an 'Alphabetical Doggett' by the Defendants' names, which Doggett should give the names of the Plaintiffs, the names of the Defendants and their places of abode and title, trade or profession, if any such appeared in the Record of the Judgment, and the debt, damages and costs recovered thereby; the County, City, or Town in which the actions were brought and the 'Number Roll' of the entry thereof. The clerks do not, however, appear to have always complied with the directions of the Statute and the practice of keeping these books was discontinued by virtue of the Statute 2 Victoria, c. 11, by which the registration of Judgments in the Court of Common Pleas was instituted.

In these books the *Enrolments of Deeds, &c.*, and the *Proceedings in Error* are entered at the beginning of each Term under the head of 'Special Remembrances.'

*Entry Books of Judgments, &c.* 1699 to 1875. 129 Vols. These contain entries of Issues, Judgments, and all other entries, arranged chronologically, day by day.

*Alphabetical Indexes*, 1736 to 1875, arranged under Defendants' names. 136 Vols.

*Index*, 1863 to 1875. 1 Vol. This contains only those Judgments which were actually entered on the Plea Rolls.

*Index to Deeds enrolled.* 1656 to 1805. 2 Vols. MS. Compiled from the Docket Books. Prior to 1702 the references are to the Coram Rege Rolls.

*List of Enclosure Awards Enrolled on the Plea Rolls.* Printed in Dep. Keeper's Report XXVII, App. 4-9.

**Rules, Entry Books of.**

1603 to 1877. 292 Vols.

*Indexes.* 1792 to 1799. 7 Vols. included in the above.

„ (Draft.) 1794 to 1802. 29 Vols.

**Warrants of Attorney and Cognovits :**

**Warrants of Attorney to confess Judgment.**

1802 to 1825. 340 Bundles, arranged alphabetically. From 1821 to 1825 the Cognovits are filed with the Warrants of Attorney.

**Cognovits.**

1825 to 1848. 90 Bundles, arranged alphabetically under Defendants' Names.



**Warrants of Attorney and Cognovits—(continued).****Warrants of Attorney and Cognovits from various Courts.**

1822 to 1825. 20 Bundles.

**Do. (Supplementary).**

1821 to 1824. 5 Bundles.

*Warrant of Attorney and Cognovit Books.* 1822 to 1875. 92 Vols. These are Registers of the Warrants of Attorney in various Courts filed in the King's Bench, pursuant to Stat. 3 Geo. IV, cap. 39. *Index.* 1841 to 1848. 10 Vols.

**Writs :****Writs (Judicial).**

1629 to 1865. 110 Bundles. These include Latitats, Bills of Middlesex, Writs of *Capias* and the like.

*Alphabet Books.* 1751 to 1832. 67 Vols.

*Index to Writs of Execution.* 1832 to 1867. 8 Vols.

*Do. Special Writs and Writs of Error.* 1833 to 1854. 3 Vols.

*Do. Writs of Capias, &c.* 1840 to 1865. 4 Vols.

**Writs and Returns (Selected).**

Henry III to Elizabeth. 3 Files. These consist chiefly of Writs of *Mittimus*, &c., with transcripts of Records in error and the like, arranged in counties.

*Descriptive List.* 1 Vol. MS.

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## RECORDS OF THE JUSTICES ITINERANT, JUSTICES OF ASSIZE, JUSTICES OF OYER AND TERMINER AND OF GAOL DELIVERY.

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The *Justices in Eyre* were originally sent at irregular intervals, as of five, six, or seven years throughout the Counties of England, with Commission to hear more especially such causes as were termed Pleas of the Crown. The scope of their Commissions was gradually widened, and early in the reign of Henry the Third they were competent to hear pleas of every kind, their Rolls being generally arranged under the several heads of:—

Placita de Juratis et Assisis,

Placita Coronæ,

Placita Forinseca (Pleas originated in, and relating to, some other County, but continued in the County in which the Justices then were), and

Placita de Quo Warranto.

To these were sometimes added:—

Placita de Querelis,

Placita de Ragemannis, and

Deliberationes Gaolarum.

The *Justices of Assize* (*Justiciarii ad capiendas assisas*) appear to have been appointed for the purpose of avoiding the delay and inconvenience caused by the long intervals between the Eyres of the Justices Itinerant. By the Statute of Westminster, 13 Edward I, it was enacted that two Justices should be assigned, before whom, and none other, assizes of novel disseisin, mort d'ancestor, and attaints should be taken. They were to associate to themselves one or two of the knights of each shire and to take the assizes and attaints therein three times in the year at the most.

By the same Statute it was enacted that Inquisitions of trespass might be determined before the said Justices in pursuance of a Writ called the Writ of *Nisi Prius*, which directed the parties to appear on a certain day at one of the Benches at Westminster, '*nisi prius Justiciarii venerint ad illas partes ad capiendas assisas*,' unless the Justices should *first* come to that place to take the Assizes, which they were certain to do, thus saving the parties much trouble and expense.

It being afterwards found that the Justices, as assigned, were often hindered by other duties from attending at the days and places appointed, it was further enacted by Statute 21 Edward I, that the Kingdom should be divided into four *Circuits*, and that eight Justices should be assigned, two for each Circuit, to take the Assizes, &c., therein as aforesaid.

The number of Circuits was afterwards increased to six, at which it now stands, with the addition of a Circuit for North and South Wales.

By a Statute of 27 Edward I, the Justices of Assize were also empowered, after they had taken the assizes, to deliver the gaols in their respective circuits. (*See Gaol Delivery Rolls.*)

The *Justices of Oyer and Terminer* (*Justiciarii ad audiendum et terminandum*) were sent as occasion required to hear and determine

one or more special causes, or under any extraordinary circumstances, as the occurrence of a great riot or insurrection, or the commission of heinous misdemeanours or trespasses in any particular county or district. The Justices of Oyer and Terminer were also frequently Justices of Gaol Delivery.

By Statute 9 Edward III, it was established that the Justices of Assize, Gaol Delivery, and Oyer and Terminer should send in their Records to the Treasury of the Exchequer in Michaelmas Term every year, but this practice appears to have been discontinued in the reign of Edward IV.

### Assize Rolls, Eyre Rolls, &c.

John to Henry VIII. 1,562 Rolls.

(See Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910.)

Under the general Title of 'Assize Rolls, &c.', are included :—

(a) Rolls of the *Justices in Eyre*. The Eyre Rolls were made up in Counties, there being generally several copies of each Roll, one for the King, marked 'Rex,' and others bearing the names of the several Justices. No Justices in Eyre were appointed after 10 Edward III.

The Placita de Quo Warranto enrolled on the Rolls of the Justices in Eyre consist of the pleadings and judgments on Writs of 'Quo Warranto,' which were in the nature of Writs of Right on behalf of the King against those who claimed or usurped any Office, Franchise, or Liberty, calling on them to show by what authority their claims were supported. These pleadings were first instituted as a consequence of the Inquisitiones Hundredorum or Hundred Rolls, taken by Commission in the 2nd and 7th years of Edward I. Articles of Inquiry thereon, which were repeated from time to time in subsequent Commissions, were delivered to the Justices in Eyre, for the purpose of holding pleas upon the claims therein stated. On the discontinuance of the Eyres in 10 Edward III, the Pleadings and Judgments on Writs of 'Quo Warranto' or of 'Quo titulo clamat' took place in the King's Bench or the Exchequer, and are enrolled on the 'Coram Rege Rolls' or the 'Memoranda Rolls' accordingly.

The 'Placita de Ragemannis' which are occasionally found on the Eyre Rolls are the pleas taken under the Statute 4 Edward I called the Statute of Rageman, which directed that Justices should go throughout the land to hear and determine all complaints and suits for trespasses committed within the 25 years then last past as well by the King's Bailiffs and Officers as by others.\*

(b) Rolls of the *Justices of Assize*.

(c) Rolls of the *Justices of Oyer and Terminer*.

This class also includes a few original Commissions to take Special Assizes of Novel Disseisin, &c., with the proceedings thereon, and also Inquisitions and Presentments of Jurors and other documents subsidiary to the Rolls of the Justices in Eyre and Justices of Assize.

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\* A Roll entitled 'Veredicta de Ministris,' containing such pleas in 4 Edward I, is placed with the Hundred Rolls.



**Assize Rolls, Eyre Rolls, &c.—(continued).**

Amongst the Assize Rolls are also to be found Pleas before the 'Justices of Trailbaston,' who were originally appointed by Edward I to administer justice during his absence in the Scotch and French wars. These Justices were of the nature of Justices of Assize, their name being derived from the 'trailbastons' or vagabonds who 'trailed' or carried sticks and bludgeoned and robbed wayfarers. The Justices' Office was to make Inquisition throughout the Kingdom touching the extortions of officers, intrusions into other men's lands, breaches of the peace and other offences.

Included in this class is also a certain number of rolls of proceedings before the Justices of the Peace in various counties and before the Justices appointed for the enforcement of the Statute of Labourers of 1351.\*

*Transcript.* *Placita de Quo Warranto*, Edward I to Edward III. Printed by the Record Commission in 1 Vol., folio (1818).

*Abstracts.* The following volumes in the series known as 'AGARDE'S INDEXES' refer to rolls preserved in the class of Assize Rolls, &c. This is a collection of 59 volumes, consisting of Abstracts from and References to the *Placita Coronæ*, *Placita de Juratis et Assisis*, *Placita de Quo Warranto*, &c. (commonly called *Assize and Quo Warranto Rolls*); and from the *Placita coram Rege*, *Placita de Banco*, and other records formerly deposited in the Treasury of the Exchequer of Receipt, made at different periods by Arthur Agarde and other officers having charge of the records.

Vol. 1	Bedford — —	15 Edw. I and 4 Edw. III.	Abstracts of Assize and Quo Warranto Rolls (with Indices Locorum).
2	Berks — —	12 Edw. I.	Do. (with Index Locorum for 27 Edw. I).
	Cambridge — —	27 Edw. I and 14, 21, & 27 Edw. I.	
	Cornwall — —	12 Edw. I and 30 Edw. I.	Do. (with Index Locorum).
3	Cumberland — —	20 Edw. I. —	
4	Dorset — —	8 Edw. I and 16 Edw. I.	Do. (with Indices Locorum).
	Devon — —	9 Edw. I and 9 & 10 Edw. I.	
5	Wilts — —	Temp. Ric. I. —	Do. (with Index Locorum).
8	Yorkshire — —	15 Hen. III and 52 Hen. III.	Do. (with Indices Locorum et Rerum).
9	Yorkshire — —	7, 8, & 9 Edw. I, 7 & 21 Edw. I, and temp. Edw. I.	(1) Abstracts of Assize Rolls, 7, 8, & 9 Edw. I (with Index Locorum). (2) Abstracts of Charters by various kings enrolled temp. Edw. I, and of Assize Rolls, &c. 7 & 21 Edw. I (with Index Nominum). (3) Abstracts of Assize Rolls, &c., 7, 8, & 9 Edw. I (with Index Nominum).

\* On this subject see *The Enforcement of the Statute of Labourers* (New York, 1908), by Miss B. H. Putnam, and for the identity in character of many of the documents in the class of Assize Rolls with those in the Ancient Indictments of the King's Bench see the article by the same writer in the *English Historical Review*, Vol. XXIX, pp. 479 seqq.

**Assize Rolls, Eyre Rolls, &c.**—(continued).

Vol. 10	Essex — —	13 Edw. I. —	Abstracts of Assize Rolls, &c. (with Indices Rerum et Locorum).
11	Channel Islands—	27, 28, & 32 Edw. I, 2 & 17 Edw. II, and 5 Edw. III.	Do.
12	Hertford — — Hunts — —	6 & 7 Edw. I. — 14 Edw. I.	Do. (with Indices Locorum).
13	Kent — —	7 Edw. I, 21 Edw. I, and 6 & 7 Edw. II.	Do. (with Indices Locorum et Rerum). Printed.
14	Lancaster — —	20 Edw. I. —	Do. (with Index Locorum).
15	London — —	14 Edw. II. —	Do. (with Index Nominum).
16	Middlesex — — Middlesex, Sus- sex, Kent, and Surrey.	2, 3, & 22 Edw. I. 35 Edw. I.	Do. (with Indices Locorum).
17	Northumberland	21 Edw. I. —	Do. (with Index Locorum).
18	Notts — —	8 & 9 Edw. I and 3 Edw. III.	Abstracts of Assize Rolls, &c., and of <i>Deeds Enrolled</i> , 3 & 4 Edw. III (with Index Locorum).
19	Somerset — —	8 Edw. I. — —	Abstracts of Assize Rolls, &c., (with Index Locorum).
20	Stafford — —	21 Edw. I. —	Do. (do.)
21	Surrey, and divers Counties.	19 & 20 Hen. III, 39, 43, 47, & 56 Hen. III.	Do. (do.)
22	Surrey and Sussex.	7 Edw. I. — —	Do. (with Indices Locorum).
23	Southampton —	8 Edw. I. — —	Do. (with Index Locorum).
24	Warwick — —	13 Edw. I. —	Do. (do.)
25	Westmoreland —	20 Edw. I. —	Do. (do.)
26	Wilts — —	9 Edw. I. — —	Do. (do.)
27	Notts, Northamp- ton, Guernsey, Bedford, and Derby.	3 & 4 Edw. III.	Abstracts of <i>Claims of Liberties</i> , &c., from the Assize and Quo Warranto Rolls.
28	Hereford and Lancaster.	20 Edw. I. —	Abstracts of Assize Rolls, &c. (with Indices Locorum).
38	Bucks — — Dorset — — Leicester — — Divers Counties —	14 Edw. I. } 8 Edw. I. } 12 Edw. I. } 9 Edw. I. }	Do. (do.)
39	Oxford — —	13 Edw. I. —	Do. (with Index Locorum).
40	Divers Counties — Do.	48 Hen. III. — Edw. I. — —	Do. Do.
41	Kent — — Divers Counties —	6 & 7 Hen. III. — Edw. I to Edw. III.	Do. Abstracts of Placita de Quo Warranto, &c. (with an Index Locorum et Nominum ar- ranged under counties).
49	Do.	28 to 57 Hen. III.	Abstracts of Assize Rolls.
50	Do.	Temp. Hen. IV. —	Do.
51	Northampton —	3 Edw. III. —	Do. (with Index Locorum).

Vol. 26 of LE NEVE'S INDEXES contains abstracts of Assize Rolls, &c. 40 Hen. III and 7 & 20 Edw. I.

**Coroners' Rolls.**

Henry III to Henry VI. 256 Rolls. These contain the enrolments of the Inquisitions taken before the King's Coroner on the occurrence of any sudden death, by misfortune or otherwise, which were directed to be returned by the Coroner to

**Coroners' Rolls**—(continued).

the Justices Itinerant at the next Gaol Delivery, or to be certified into the Court of King's Bench. They also include a few Rolls of Outlaws or of persons to be put in Exigent. (*See Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910.*)

**Gaol Delivery Rolls.**

Edward I to Edward IV. 221 Rolls. (*See Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910.*)

These include a number of Special Gaol Deliveries and Gaol Files, consisting of Writs, Panels of Jurors, Indictments, &c.

Gaol Deliveries are also enrolled on the Rolls of the Justices in Eyre. (*See Assize Rolls, Eyre Rolls, &c.*)

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## RECORDS OF THE CLERKS OF ASSIZE.

The modern Justices of Assize and Nisi Prius go upon their Circuits by virtue of five several authorities :—

1. The Commission of the Peace.
2. The Commission of Oyer and Terminer.
3. The Commission of General Gaol Delivery.
4. The Commission of Assize.
5. The Commission of Nisi Prius.

Their Records, which consist of Assize Rolls or Files, including original Indictments with the Verdicts thereon, Coroners' Inquisitions, Minute Books, Gaol Books or Calendars, and other proceedings, were formerly preserved by the Clerks of Assize of the respective Circuits, but in 1911 were transferred to the Public Record Office.

The Records at Nisi Prius, with the Posteas thereon, appear to have been generally handed to the parties concerned therein on their making application for them, Minute Books only of the Proceedings and Orders being kept by the Clerks of Assize. The Records of the Court of Common Pleas, however, include Files of Posteas, many of which were returned by the Clerks of Assize, extending from 1689 to 1852.

Prior to the year 1876 the counties of England were divided into the six circuits following :—

**MIDLAND :** Counties of Northampton,\* Rutland,\* Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester\* and Warwick.

**NORFOLK :** Counties of Bucks, Bedford, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Norfolk and Suffolk.

**HOME :** Counties of Hertford, Essex, Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

**OXFORD :** Counties of Berks, Oxford, Hereford, Salop, Gloucester, Monmouth, Stafford and Worcester.

**WESTERN :** Counties of Southampton, Wilts, Dorset, Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

**NORTHERN :** Counties of York,\* Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland and Lancaster.

To these upon the abolition of the Courts of Great Session for Wales by the Act 11 Geo. IV and 1 Will. IV, c. 70, was added a seventh circuit for NORTH AND SOUTH WALES.

By Order in Council of 5 Feb., 1876, under a provision of the Judicature Act of 1875 (Stat. 38 and 39 Vict., ch. 77, s. 23) a rearrangement of the then existing circuits was made. The chief effects of this change were—

- (a) The abolition of the old Norfolk and Home circuits and the creation of a new one called the SOUTH-EASTERN CIRCUIT, which included the counties in the two abolished circuits with the exception of Northampton, Leicester, Rutland, Bucks and Bedford, which were added to the Midland circuit.

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\* By Order in Council of 8 Nov., 1863, the counties of Northampton, Rutland and Leicester were transferred to the Norfolk circuit and so remained until the abolition of that circuit in 1876. By the same Order the county and city of York were transferred to the Midland circuit.

- (b) The division of the old Northern circuit into the NORTHERN and NORTH-EASTERN CIRCUITS, in the latter of which the county and city of York were included.
- (c) The Welsh circuit was divided into the Chester and North Wales division and the South Wales division.

The county of Surrey which under the above Order was not to be included in any circuit was by further Order in Council of 28 July, 1893, added to the South-Eastern circuit.

As now arranged under their respective circuits the modern records of the Justices of Assize preserved at the Public Record Office consist of the following classes:—

### **Oxford Circuit.**

This includes the following counties:—Berks, Oxford, Worcester, Gloucester, Monmouth, Hereford, Stafford and Salop.

MINUTE BOOKS. 1803 to 1888. 68 Vols.

CROWN BOOKS. 1656 to 1889. 44 Vols.

Do. do. (Second Court). 1847 to 1888. 3 Vols.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS. 1660 to 1888. 45 Vols., consisting of Postea, Process, Note and Fee Books, Certificates of Trial and Costs Books.

INDICTMENTS. 1654 to 1890. 216 Bundles.

DEPOSITIONS IN CRIMINAL CASES. 1719 to 1890. 25 Bundles.

PLEADINGS. 1854 to 1890. 4 Bundles.

ESTREATS. 1746 to 1890. 1 Bundle.

RETURNS AS TO CASES TRIED, FEES, &c., AND APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICES. 1732 to 1890. 1 Bundle.

### **Midland Circuit.**

Counties of Bedford,\* Bucks,\* Northampton,† Leicester,† Lincoln, Rutland,† Derby, Nottingham and Warwick.

MINUTE BOOKS. 1818 to 1889. 35 Vols.

INDICTMENTS. 1860 to 1890. 23 Bundles.

DEPOSITIONS. 1862 to 1890. 20 Bundles.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS. 1870 to 1890. 1 Bundle.

### **Western Circuit.**

Counties of Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Cornwall, Devon and Southampton and Bristol.

MINUTE BOOKS (CROWN). 1746 to 1901. 77 Vols.

Do. do. (CIVIL). 1656 to 1913. 46 Vols.

Both series are very imperfect for the earlier periods.

GAOL BOOKS. 1670 to 1824. 10 Vols.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS. 44 Vols. as follows:—

Bail Book, 1654 to 1677; Certificate Books, 1876 to 1887; Costs Books, 1869 to 1890; Estreat Book, 1740 to 1800; Note Books, 1629 to 1891; Order Books (transportation, &c.), 1629 to 1819; Postea Books, 1611 to 1679; and Process Books, 1717 to 1820.

\* The records for the counties of Bedford and Bucks prior to 1876 belong to the old Norfolk circuit which are now included amongst those of the South-Eastern circuit.

† The records for the counties of Northampton, Leicester and Rutland between 1864 and 1876 are now with those of the South-Eastern circuit.

**Western Circuit—(continued).**

INDICTMENTS. 1729 and 1801 to 1917. 82 Bundles.

DEPOSITIONS. 1861 to 1891. 27 Bundles.

PLEADINGS. 1812 to 1917. 18 Bundles.

MISCELLANEOUS RETURNS. 1740 to 1902. 4 Bundles.

**South-Eastern Circuit.**

Counties of Huntingdon, Cambridge, Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Hertford, Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

AGENDA BOOKS. 1735 to 1887. 40 Vols. Prior to 1876 these relate to the old Home circuit only.

MINUTE BOOKS. 1783 to 1891. 39 Vols. These refer to both Crown and Nisi Prius cases.

GAOL BOOKS. 1734 to 1863. 15 Vols. Norfolk circuit.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS. 78 Vols. as follows :—Cause Books, 1673 to 1768 (Home circuit), 1742 to 1746 (Norfolk circuit); Certificate Books, 1876 to 1890; Costs and Account Books, 1791 to 1890 (Home circuit); Indictment Book, 1774 to 1775 (Norfolk circuit); Instruction Books, 1783 to 1827 (Home circuit); Precedent Books; Postea Books, 1791 to 1856 (Home circuit), 1829 to 1862 (Norfolk circuit); Presentment Book, 1768 to 1804 (Home circuit); Process Books, 1773 to 1822 (Home circuit), 1831 to 1863 (Norfolk circuit); Record Book, 1733 to 1786 (Home circuit); Rule Book, 1737 to 1741 (Home circuit); and Rough Entry Books (supplemental), 1834 to 1884 (Home circuit).

INDICTMENTS. 1559 to 1891. 334 Bundles.

DEPOSITIONS. 1813 to 1889. 33 Bundles. Depositions of an earlier date will be found filed with the Indictments.

PLEADINGS. 1870 to 1890. 7 Bundles.

ESTREATS. 1770 to 1870. 1 Bundle.

MISCELLANEA. William III to 1891. 27 Bundles, consisting of :—Accounts, Papers in Appeal Cases before the House of Lords, &c., Correspondence, Law Papers, Nisi Prius records, Notes on cases, Postesas, Printed Acts of Parliament and Orders in Council, Returns and other documents and papers.

**North-Eastern Circuit.**

Counties of Northumberland, Durham and York. Prior to 1877 the records of this circuit comprise those of the old Northern circuit, which included in addition the counties of Westmoreland, Cumberland and Lancaster.

MINUTE BOOKS. 1714 to 1889. 31 Vols.

GAOL BOOKS. 1658 to 1811. 12 Vols.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS. 9 Vols. as follows :—Postea Books, 1830 to 1866; Account and Note Books, 1730 to 1840.

INDICTMENTS. 1607 to 1890. 210 Bundles.

DEPOSITIONS. 1613 to 1890. 83 Bundles.

ESTREATS. 1843 to 1890. 1 Bundle.



**North Eastern Circuit**—(continued).

MISCELLANEA. 73 Bundles, consisting of:—Criminal Returns, 1805 to 1890; Nisi Prius Records, 1830 to 1865; Special Cases, 1629 to 1890; Miscellaneous Pleadings, 1650 to 1890; Correspondence of the Keeper of York Prison, 1796; Correspondence of the Clerk of Assize, 1826 to 1874; and Miscellaneous Papers and Assize Records, 1640 to 1890.

**Northern Circuit.**

Counties of Westmoreland, Cumberland and Lancaster.

INDICTMENTS. 1877 to 1890. 56 Bundles.

DEPOSITIONS. 1877 to 1890. 11 Bundles.

ORDERS. 1879 to 1889. 2 Vols.

MINUTE BOOKS. 1877 to 1892. 9 Vols.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS. 3 Vols., viz.:—Draft Judgment Book (Lancashire), 1810 to 1836; Draft Postea Book (Lancashire), 1858 to 1866; and Judgment Book of Preston District Registry, 1875 to 1876.

**Chester and North Wales Circuit.**

Counties of Chester, Flint, Montgomery, Merioneth, Carnarvon, Anglesey and Denbigh.

MINUTE BOOKS. 1831 to 1892. 22 Vols.

CROWN BOOKS. 1835 to 1883. 9 vols.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS. 21 Vols., as follows:—Bill Books, 1797 to 1816; Cash Books, 1825 to 1845; Costs Books, 1694 to 1821; Day Book, 1796 to 1812; Fee Books, 1820 to 1838; Ecclesiastical Fee Book, 1785 to 1791; Fines and Forfeitures, 1844 to 1852; List of young persons employed in Factories, 1846, &c.

INDICTMENTS. 1831 to 1891. 100 Bundles.

DEPOSITIONS. 1831 to 1891. 16 Bundles.

CORONERS' INQUISITIONS. 1798 to 1891. 52 Bundles. These relate mostly to Cheshire. A large number of Coroners' Inquisitions are with the Indictments.

MISCELLANEA. 1830 to 1890. 2 Bundles, consisting of correspondence, plans, &c.

**South Wales Circuit.**

Counties of Glamorgan, Carmarthen, Pembroke, Cardigan, Brecknock and Radnor.

INDICTMENTS. 1834 to 1892. 46 Bundles.

DEPOSITIONS. 1837 to 1891. 4 Bundles.

MISCELLANEA. 1839 to 1890. 3 Bundles, consisting of Nisi Prius Records, Miscellaneous Pleadings, &c.

## RECORDS OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

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The Court of Common Pleas was originally a branch of the Curia Regis or King's Court, from which it was separated in the 17th year of King John by one of the clauses of Magna Charta, which directed that the Common Pleas should no longer follow the King, but should be held in a certain place, to wit, in Westminster Hall; and after that period all the writs ran '*quod sit coram justiciariis meis apud Westmonasterium*,' whereas before that the party was required by them to appear '*coram me et justiciariis meis*,' without any addition of place.

The jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas was general, and extended itself throughout England. It held pleas of all civil causes at Common Law, between subject and subject, in actions real, personal, and mixed; but had no cognizance of pleas of the Crown. The authority of the Court was founded on original writs issuing out of Chancery, which writs were the King's mandates for the Court to proceed in the determination of the cases mentioned therein.

The reason of the original writs issuing out of Chancery was that when the Courts were united, as was formerly the case, the Chancellor held the seal, and when they were divided he, still retaining possession of the seal, continued to seal all original writs.

There were four Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, who were created by Letters Patent.

The principal officers of the Court were as follows:—

The CUSTOS BREVIUM, whose duty it was to receive and keep all writs returnable therein, and also all records of Nisi Prius, which were delivered to him by the Clerks of the Assize of every circuit, &c. The rolls were filed together by him, and carried into the Treasury of the Records. He also made the copies and exemplifications of all records and writs.

The three PROTHONOTARIES, whose duties were to enter and enrol all declarations, pleadings, judgments, &c., and to make out all judicial writs of execution, writs of privilege, &c.

The SECONDARIES, or assistants to the Prothonotaries, who took the minutes and drew up all orders and rules of Court.

The FILAZERS, who made out all writs and process, such as *capias*, *alias*, *pluries*, &c., between the original writ and the declaration, and also all writs of view, &c.

The EXIGENTERS, whose duty it was to make out all writs of exigent and proclamations in actions of outlawry. The writ of exigent or *Exigi facias* was so called because it *exacted* the appearance of the party against whom it was issued within certain days of proclamation, under pain of outlawry.

The CLERK OF THE WARRANTS, who entered all warrants of attorney, enrolled deeds of bargain and sale, and estreated all issues.

The CLERK OF THE ESSOINS, who kept the rolls in which were entered all *essoins* or *excuses* for non-appearance in Court by reason of sickness or other just cause of absence.

The CLERK OF THE JURIES, who made out all writs of *habeas corpus juratorum* to compel the appearance of juries, &c.

The CLERK OF THE TREASURY, who kept the Records of the Court and made copies and exemplifications of issues, judgments, &c.

The CLERK OF THE SEALS, who sealed all writs and mesne process, &c.

The CLERK OF THE OUTLAWRIES, who made out all writs of *capias utlagatum*, &c.

The CLERK OF THE ERRORS, whose duty it was to allow writs of error returnable in the King's Bench upon proceedings in the Common Pleas, to enter all the proceedings on writs of error, and to make the transcript of the judgment roll when required, and carry it to the proper officer of the King's Bench.

The CLERK OF ENROLMENTS OF FINES AND RECOVERIES, who returned all writs of entry and seisin, writs of covenant, &c., enrolled and exemplified fines and recoveries.

The CLERK OF THE KING'S SILVER, who received all the *pre* and *post* fines on alienation of lands and entered an extract of the Fines, with the sums paid thereon, in books called King's Silver Books.

The CHIROGRAPHER, whose duty it was to engross all fines and to deliver the several indentures to the parties, &c.

By Statute 1 Vict., c. 30, the greater number of these officers was abolished and their duties taken over by five MASTERS, to whom the records of the abolished offices were directed to be transferred.

By the Judicature Act of 1873 the Common Pleas ceased to exist as a distinct Court and became a division of the High Court of Justice. Subsequently, by Order in Council of 16 Dec., 1880, the Common Pleas Division was amalgamated with the then Queen's Bench Division of the same Court.

The records of the Common Pleas Division between the years 1875 and 1880 are described in this work under those of the **SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE**, except in the cases of the Register of Crown Debtors, and the Remembrance Books, where existing series were continued.

## Acknowledgments of Deeds by Married Women :

### Certificates of.

1834 to 1875. 2,289 Bundles. These are the Certificates taken in accordance with the Act of 2 and 3 William IV 'for the abolition of Fines and Recoveries and the substitution of more effectual means of assurance.' The Certificates from 1834 to 1837 inclusive and a portion of those of the year 1838 were lost at the fire which occurred in the Temple, where they were at that time deposited, in the last mentioned year.

*Alphabetical Indexes.* 1834 to 1875. 45 Vols.

## Affidavits (General).

1704 to 1875. 79 Bundles. Only such Affidavits as affect questions of title or are of material interest are preserved.



**Appointments of Prothonotaries, Filazers, &c.**

1674 to 1831. 1 Bundle. These are notifications in the name of the Lord Chief Justice of surrenders or cessions of, and appointments to the various offices in the Court.

**Attorneys :****Admission Rolls.**

1838 to 1860. 4 Rolls.

**Articles of Clerkship (with Affidavits of due execution annexed).**

1730 to 1838. 251 Bundles.

*Alphabetical Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

*Register of.* 1756 to 1867. 2 Vols.

*Do.* 1843 to 1863. 1 Vol. (This volume relates to the Articles registered pursuant to Stat. 6 and 7 Vict.).

*Admission Books.* 1729 to 1848. 4 Vols.

*Rolls or Books of Attorneys.* 1656 to 1853. 3 Vols.

*Do.* 1838 to 1843. (Signed pursuant to Stat. 1 and 2 Vict. 1838). 1 Vol.

*Do.* 1843 to 1862. (Signed pursuant to Stat. 6 and 7 Vict. 1843). 1 Vol.

*Do.* 1830 to 1844. (The Roll of Welsh Attorneys, signed pursuant to Stat. 1 William IV). 1 Vol.

The Rolls of Attorneys subsequent to 1853 are preserved at the Offices of the Incorporated Law Society.

**Certificate Books.**

1786 to 1843. 59 Vols.

**Oath Rolls.**

1779 to 1847. 31 Rolls as follows :—

GENERAL SERIES. 1789 to 1843. 17 Rolls.

CATHOLICS. 1790 to 1836. 3 Rolls.

QUAKERS. 1835 to 1842. 1 Roll.

'QUALIFICATION.' 1779 to 1847. 10 Rolls. (Subscription to the Test Act and the Act of Settlement in addition to the usual oaths.)

**Rolls of Attorneys.**

1730 to 1750. 13 Rolls. The rolls are engrossed each year in alphabetical order and give the county and certain other particulars of each attorney.

**Common Prayer Book.**

The Sealed Copy of the Book of Common Prayer, deposited pursuant to the Act of Uniformity, 14 Charles II.

**Crown Debtors, Register of.**

1839 to 1878. 43 Vols. This is the Register of Debtors and Accountants to the Crown, kept pursuant to the Statute 2 and 3 Vict., c. 11, which repealed the provision of Stat. 4 Will. & Mary, c. 20, whereby the Clerks of the Kings' Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer of Pleas were required to keep an alphabetical docket of judgments in actions of debt, and directed the Senior Master of the Court of Common Pleas to enter in a book a memorandum of any such judgment.

**Ejectment :****Declarations in (with Affidavits of service annexed).**

1704 to 1837. 27 Boxes. After 1837 *see* **Affidavits.**

*Indexes.* 1728 to 1749 and 1771 to 1809. 2 Vols. These are incomplete and the earlier volume is of little use as an index.

1815 to 1837. 1 Vol.

**Rules (Consent) in.**

1727 to 1774 and 1830 to 1852. 2 Boxes. Between 1774 and 1830 these are filed with the Declarations.

*See also* **Miscellaneous Books** and for a description of Proceedings in Ejectment *see* **RECORDS OF THE KING'S BENCH, PLEA SIDE.**

**Enclosure Award of Tadmarton, co. Oxford.**

17 Geo. III. 1 Roll. This is the original of the Award enrolled on the Recovery Roll of Hilary term, 17 Geo. III, roll 63.

**Essoin Rolls.**

11 Henry III to 38 George III. 33 Rolls. These rolls contain the entries of excuses for non-appearance to the summons of the Court.

**Examinations of Witnesses.**

1831 to 1849 and 1870 to 1875. 5 Bundles.

**Extract Rolls or 'King's Rolls.'**

1 Edward III to 10 Henry IV. 162 Rolls. These rolls appear to have been drawn up by the King's Clerk, or Clerk of the Crown in the Common Bench, as a Counter-roll or Check on the Roll of the Justices of the ordinary 'Placita de Banco.'

Some of them were formerly preserved amongst the Records of the King's Bench. The 'Rex' rolls of the reigns of Edward I and II are numbered with the ordinary Plea Rolls of the Court of Common Pleas.

**Fines :****Concords of.**

Elizabeth to William IV. 891 Bundles. Arranged chronologically.

**Feet of.**

Richard I to 2 Victoria. 294 Cases and 1,574 Bundles. Arranged in Counties.

**Fines**—(continued).**Notes of.**

Edward I to William IV. 1,207 Bundles. Arranged chronologically.

**Proclamations of.**

1620 to 1841. 3 Vols.

A Fine (*Finis* or *Finalis Concordia*), so called from the words with which it begins, and also from its effect in putting a *final end* to all suits and contentions, was an amicable agreement or composition of a suit (whether real or fictitious) made between the parties with the consent of the judges, and enrolled amongst the Records of the Court in which the suit was commenced, by which freehold property might be transferred, settled, or limited. These Fines, or Final Agreements, are of considerable antiquity. The earliest Fine preserved in the Public Record Office is dated 1 December, 1182, and copies of others a few years earlier in date have been found in cartularies and other manuscripts.\* Fines originated no doubt in actual suits for recovering the possession of lands or other hereditaments, the possession thus gained being found so sure and effectual that fictitious actions were soon introduced for the sake of obtaining the same security. The Records of these actions exist in an almost unbroken series from the reign of Richard I to the year 1834, when a Statute was passed 'For the abolition of Fines and Recoveries and the substitution of more simple modes of assurance.'

The following were the principal classes of Records created in the process of levying a Fine :—

1. *The Writ of Covenant*.—This is a writ of Precipe sued out of the Court of Common Pleas, the foundation of which is a supposed agreement or covenant between the parties the fulfilment of which has been neglected, and forms the commencement of the suit. From this writ a fine was due to the King of one-tenth of the annual value of the lands, which was called the *primer fine*. Then followed the *licencia concordandi*, or leave to agree between the parties, for which, the suit having already been commenced and pledges to prosecute given, another fine was due to the King, which was called the *post fine* or 'King's Silver.' This was half as much again as the *primer fine*, that is, three-twentieths of the supposed annual value. (See below **Writs of Covenant**.)

2. *The Concord*.—This is the actual agreement signed by the parties, after the leave to agree had been duly obtained, and was either acknowledged in open Court or before two or more Commissioners specially appointed for the purpose. In the latter case there are annexed to it the Writ of *Dedimus Potestatem*, containing the appointment of the Commissioners, and an affidavit verifying the taking of the acknowledgment.

The Concord being the complete Fine has been held to be the *principale recordum*, and the Fine was held to be of that term in which the Concord was made.

\* J. H. Round, in *Eng. Hist. Review*, XII, 293 seqq., and see the Introduction by R. E. G. Kirk to Vol. I of *Feet of Fines for Essex* (Colchester, 1899-1910).



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3. The *Note of the Fine*.—This was made out by the Chirographer from the Concord, and from this and the other proceedings he drew up the *Chirograph* or *Foot of the Fine*, which, with the previous proceedings annexed, was then deposited with the Custos Brevium, the Notes being retained by the Chirographer, by whom they were filed in Terms. In general the Notes are only useful for making good defects in the Feet. The first four bundles, however, contain Notes of the reign of Edward I which have no endorsement to lead one to infer that they were ever engrossed as Feet.

4. The *Foot and Indentures of Fine*.—The Foot or conclusion of the Fine begins with the words, 'Haec est finalis concordia,' 'This is the final agreement,' and recites the whole proceedings, the Fine being then completely levied.

In order to render the Fine more universally public and less liable to be levied by fraud, it was enacted that the Fine after engrossment should be openly read and proclaimed in Court sixteen times, viz., four times in the Term in which it was levied, and four times in each of the three succeeding Terms. This was reduced by Stat. 31 Eliz. to once in each of the four Terms, and these proclamations were endorsed on the Foot of the Fine.

In addition to the Foot, two Indentures, or Transcripts thereof, were engrossed by the Chirographer on the same piece of parchment, which was then divided into three indented portions, the Foot, between which and the two Indentures the word 'Cyrographum' was written, being retained by the Custos Brevium, and the Indentures, between which the word 'Cyrographum' was also written, being given out to the respective parties to the Fine. A complete Chirograph, including the Foot and the two Indentures, dated 56 Henry III (A.D. 1272), is preserved in the Museum of the Public Record Office (*Case H*).

A Fine was technically said to be *levied*. Its most important effects were :—

(1) To extinguish dormant titles by barring any claim made by strangers unless put in within a year and a day. Subsequently by Stat. 1 Ric. III, c. 7, and 4 Hen. IV, c. 24, the time for claiming was enlarged to five years.

(2) To bar the issue-in-tail immediately.

(3) To bar married women, who were made parties to the fine, from claiming dower from the property concerned.

From the reign of Edward IV Fines were associated with another form of conveyance known as 'Recoveries' (see below **Recovery Rolls**). In early times Fines varied considerably in character, but in the end they gradually came to be drawn up in one or two set forms. As the most usual form, that 'sur cognizance de droit come ceo, &c.,' conveyed an absolute estate without any limitations to the cognizee, these assurances could not be made to answer the purpose of family settlements unless their force and effect were subjected to the declaration of other more complicated deeds wherein particular uses can be more particularly expressed. If these deeds are made previous to the Fine, they are called Deeds to *lead* the uses; if subsequent, Deeds

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to *declare* them; and the Fine, when levied, shall enure to the uses so specified, and to no other. For although the Cognizee has a Fee-Simple vested in him by the Fine, yet by the operation of this Deed he becomes a mere instrument or conduit-pipe, seised only to the use of the persons specified in the settlement in successive order, such uses coming immediately into execution.\*

The enrolment of Deeds to lead or declare uses was not compulsory, and as such Deeds were generally of a more or less confidential nature, was not often resorted to. They might, however, be enrolled in any Court of Law within six months of the date of their execution.

The following are the means of reference to the Feet, &c., of Fines:—

LE NEVE'S INDEXES. A collection of 39 volumes, amongst which the following refer to the Feet of Fines:—

Vol.			
1	Bedford - -	Ric. I to Ric. III.	Calendar with Index Locorum.
2	Berks - -	Ric. I to Ric. III.	Do. do.
3	Bucks - -	Ric. I to Ric. III.	Do. do.
4	Cambridge -	Ric. I to Edw. IV.	Do. do.
5	Cornwall - -	Ric. I to Ric. III.	Do. do.
6	Cumberland and Devon.	Ric. I to Edw. IV.	Do. do.
7	Derby - -	Ric. I to Ric. III.	Do. do.
8	Dorset - -	Ric. I to Ric. III.	Do. do.
9	Essex - -	Ric. I to Ric. III.	Do. (no Index Locorum).
10	Gloucester and Herts.	John to Ric. III. Ric. I to Ric. III.	Do. (with Indices Locorum).
11	Various Counties	3 Jas. I (East. and Trin.).	Index referring apparently to some Entry Book.
12a	Divers and Unknown Counties.	Ric. I to Edw. II.	Calendar with an Index Locorum. (See also Vol. 26.)
12b	Do.	Hen. II to Edw. II.	A revised Calendar of Feet of Fines of Unknown, Various, and Divers Counties. (1870.)
13	Divers Counties -	Edw. III to Hen. VI.	Calendar, with Index Locorum (Index Nominum in Vol. 26).
14	Do.	Edw. VI to Phil. & Mary.	Do. do.
15	Do.	3 to 5 Eliz. -	Calendar.
16	Bucks - -	Ric. I to Hen. III.	Abstracts, with Index Locorum.
17	Do. - -	Ric. I to Hen. VI.	Calendar, with Indices Nominum et Locorum.
18	Yorks - -	Hen. VI. - -	Calendar, with Index Locorum.
	Do.	Ric. I and John.	Do. do.
	City of York -	Edw. IV and Ric. III.	Abstracts.
19	Yorks - -	Hen. III to Edw. I.	Do. with Index Locorum.
20	Do. . .	Edw. II and Edw. III.	Do. do.
21	Do.	Ric. II to Hen. V.	Do. with Indices Locorum.
22	England, &c. -	Ric. III and Hen. VII.	Calendar with Indices Locorum et Nominum for Ric. III. (The Index Locorum for Hen. VII is in Vol. 26.)

\* A few examples of Fines levied in local courts will be found in the various series of Deeds preserved in the Public Record Office, *e.g.*, Ancient Deeds, C. 10,067, 10,070-10,073, CC. 1,233, 1,236, 1,237, D. 11,204-11,226, L. 2,495, 2,842 and Modern Deeds, A. 1.

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Vol.				
23	England, &c.	—	Temp. Hen. VIII.	Abstracts.
24	Do.		Temp. Hen. VIII.	Do.
25	Southampton	—	Ric. I to Edw. I.	Calendar.
26	Hunts	—	John to Ric. II.	Index Locorum.
	Westmoreland	—	John to Edw. IV.	Abstracts.
	Divers Counties	—	John to Edw. II.	Index Locorum (referring to Vol. 12 <i>a</i> ).
	Do.		Edw. III to Mary.	Index Nominum (referring to Vols. 13 and 14).
	Do.		Edw. IV. — —	Abstracts, with Indices Nominum et Locorum.
	England, &c.	—	Hen. VII. — —	Index Locorum, referring to the Calendar in Vol. 22.
27	Wilts	— —	John to Edw. IV.	Index Locorum.
30	Bedford to Dorset		Edw. II. — —	Indices Locorum to the Placita de Banco and to the Feet of Fines.
31	Ebor (Yorks) to Lincoln.		Edw. II. — —	Do. do.
32	Middlesex to Sussex.		Edw. II. — —	Do. do.
33	Warwick to Worcester, &c.		Edw. II. — —	Do. do.
35	Bedford to Wilts, &c.		Hen. VIII. —	Index Locorum. (The Fines relating to Manors or Churches only are indexed.)
	Do.		Phil. & Mary. —	Index Locorum.
39	Norfolk	— —	Ric. I. — —	Abstracts (purchased in 1882).

AGARDE'S INDEXES. The following volumes in this series refer to the Feet of Fines.

Vol.				
24	Warwick	— —	Ric. I to Hen. VII.	Extracts, including the Warwick Feet of Fines in the Divers Counties (with Index Locorum).
29	Various Counties		Ric. I. — —	Abstracts of Placita Coram Rege and of Feet of Fines, arranged in counties from Beds. to Wilts, &c.
38	Somerset	— —	Edw. I, II, and III.	Abstracts.
	Surrey	— —	Hen. III. — —	Do. (with Index Locorum).
39	Oxford	— —	Ric. I to Hen. III.	Do. do.
53	Northampton	—	Ric. I to John.	Do. do.
54	Do.		Temp. Hen. III.	Do. do.

*Transcripts.*—28 Hen. II to 10 Ric. I. Printed in 4 Vols. 8vo. (Pipe Roll Soc. XVII, XX, XXIII, XXIV.)

Do. 7 Ric. I to 16 John. *Bedford to Dorset.* Printed in 2 Vols. 8vo. (Record Comm.)

Do. Do. *Ebor to Warwick.* 7 Vols. MS. R.O. Transcripts, Series II, 169, 170 *a-f*.

*Index.*—1 Hen. VIII to 2 Vict. 65 Vols. MS. A contemporary Index to the Notes, used generally as an Index to the Feet of Fines.

Do. 1611 to 1834, 55 Vols. MS., called 'Entry Books of Fines, and of Writs of Entry in Recoveries.'

Indexes and Calendars of the Feet of Fines for various Counties, chiefly of the earlier period, have been privately printed by County Societies, &c.



**Fines and Recoveries :****Enrolments of Writs for.**

1823-24 Eliz. to 10 Anne. 53 Bundles.

**Rules to amend.**

1720 to 1837. 1 Bundle.

**Judgments, Registers of.**

1838 to 1868. 68 Vols. arranged alphabetically. These contain the entries of the Judgments in various Courts registered in the Common Pleas pursuant to the Statute of 1 and 2 Victoria, c. 110.

Under the Land Charges Act, 1900 (Stat. 63 and 64 Vict., c. 26) the business of the registrar of judgments was transferred from the Central Office of the Supreme Court to the Office of Land Registry, where the Registers from 1869 are now preserved.

**King's Silver Books.**

Series I. 3 Eliz. to 4 Will. IV. 349 Vols.

Series II. Edw. VI to Will. III. 90 Vols. Fragmentary and in very bad condition.

These books contain Abstracts of the Fines, giving the names of the parties and full particulars of the premises. Before George I the series is very imperfect. (See **Fines** above.)

**Miscellaneous Books.**

48 Vols., consisting of the following :—

COMMON RULES. 1773 to 1829. 11 Vols.

SPECIAL RULES. Series I. 1773 to 1800. 13 Vols.

Do. Series II. 1774 to 1802. 8 Vols.

ENTRIES OF RULES IN EJECTMENT. 1833 to 1837. 1 Vol.

*Index.* See above **Ejectment**.

COMMON JUDGMENT BOOKS. 1685 to 1770. 9 Vols.

These give merely under the dates of the judgments the title and nature of the actions with the county and the name of the attorney in each and from the reign of Queen Anne the amount of the fee paid.

POSTEAS AND INQUIRIES. 1828 to 1837. 1 Vol. Brief entries of the verdicts with the amount of damages and costs.

CERTIFICATE BOOK (MONEY). 1873 to 1875. 1 Vol. Original certificates by the Masters of the Court of the money due from the parties in the several actions.

WRIT BOOKS. 1861 to 1875. 2 Vols. Indexes under the defendants' names of the writs filed, with the dates of filing.

REGISTRATION APPEALS RULE BOOK. 1844 to 1865. 1 Vol. Rules in appeals from the decision of the revising barristers respecting the lists of parliamentary voters.

PRECEDENT BOOK. 1 Vol.

**Nisi Prius Records, Entries of.**

1644 to 1837. 22 Vols. The later volumes are primarily fee-books.

**Oaths of Allegiance.**

(Catholics). 1778 to 1829. 1 Roll.

(Clergymen). 1789 to 1836. 1 Roll.

**Outlawry Proceedings :****Books.**

1821 to 1869. 5 Vols. Entry books of Writs of Capias, Distringas, Exigent, Outlawry, &c.

**Reversals, &c., of Outlawry.**

1736 to 1859. 4 Bundles, of which the first three are enrolments of Orders to reverse outlawries. The fourth bundle consists of writs with the returns endorsed relative to outlawry proceedings in the Hustings Court, London, 1821 to 1838.

**Plea Rolls or 'Placita de Banco.'**

1 Edward I to 38 Victoria. 4,135 Rolls. (See Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910.)

Prior to Easter Term in the 25th year of Elizabeth the 'Placita de Banco,' or Plea Rolls of the Common Bench, include the 'Pleas of Land,' or Common Recoveries, the Proceedings on Writs of Right and in all 'real actions' and the Deeds Enrolled. From and after that date these proceedings were separated from the ordinary Common Pleas and formed into a distinct set of rolls, known as **Recovery Rolls**, which see.

*Index.* 1 and 2 Edward III, arranged in Counties. 2 Vols. Printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XXXII, Parts I and II (1909).

*Docket Rolls.* 1509 to 1859. 1,178 Rolls. Prior to the year 1779, when the Prothonotaries' offices in the Common Pleas were united, there are separate rolls for each of the Prothonotaries. The series is, however, very imperfect. There is a MS. index to the first three rolls (1509 to 1520) prepared by the Record Commissioners.

*Docket Books.* 12 Charles II to 1839. 233 Vols. These are Entry Books of Judgments under the Defendants' names referring apparently almost entirely to actions for debt. They were discontinued by virtue of the Statute 2 and 3 Vict. cap. 11, by which the Registration of Judgments was established.

*Judgments, Chronological Entries of.* 1859 to 1875. 65 Vols.

*Judgments, Alphabetical Indexes to.* 1838 to 1875. 37 Vols., (under Defendants' names).

*Agarde's Indexes.* The following volumes relate to the 'Placita de Banco':—

Vol.		
43	John to Hen. V.	— Selected abstracts with indexes to the subjects, &c.
32	1 to 14 Edw. I.	— Abstracts, with Index Locorum.
33	15 to 18 Edw. I.	— Do. do.
52	25 to 28 Edw. I.	— Do. do.

**Plea Rolls or 'Placita de Banco'**—(continued).

*Le Neve's Indexes.* The following relate to the 'Placita de Banco.'

Vol.		List of Rolls.
34	Edw. I to Hen. VII.	Index Locorum, Bedford to Dorset.
30	Edw. II. — —	Do. Ebor to Lincoln.
31	Do. — —	Do. Middlesex to Sussex.
32	Do. — —	Do. Warwick to Worcester, &c.
33	Do. — —	This Index contains also an Index Locorum to the Deeds enrolled.
35	Edw. IV. — —	Index Locorum, Bedford to Wilts (including the Deeds enrolled).
28	1 to 24 Hen. VII. —	Index Locorum, Bedford to Middlesex.
29	Do.	Do. Norfolk to Wilts. (This vol. contains also an Index Locorum to the 'Placita de Banco,' temp. Ric. III and Edw. V, and to the Deeds enrolled on the 'Placita de Banco' in the reign of Hen. VII.)

*Index to Recoveries and Deeds enrolled.* See **Recovery Rolls.**

**Posteas.**

Series I. 1573 to 1834. 262 Files.

Series II. 1830 to 1852. 45 Files.

These are the records of the Final Judgments in the several causes, which should be annexed to or entered on the Issue Roll, thus converting it into a Judgment Roll. This, however, was frequently neglected, and the 'Posteas,' so-called from the word with which they commenced, have been tied up in distinct bundles, sometimes called 'Riders' or Final Judgments.

*Indexes.* 1718 to 1858. 10 Vols. MS.

**Recovery Rolls.**

Easter 25 Elizabeth to 1837. 1,004 Rolls. (See Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910.) Before Easter 25 Elizabeth, see **Plea Rolls.** The Recovery Rolls consist of three portions:—

1. Enrolments of 'Common Recoveries' and also of Real Recoveries, or proceedings on 'Writs of Right.'
2. Enrolments of the payment of King's Silver for licence to levy Fines.
3. Enrolments of Deeds and other Instruments.

A *Recovery*, which is technically said to be *suffered*, in its most extensive sense is a restitution to a former right by the solemn judgment of a Court of Justice. What is generally termed a *Common Recovery* was, however, a judgment in a fictitious suit brought against the tenant of the freehold, which was obtained in consequence of a default made by the person last vouched to warranty in such fictitious suit. It is stated to have owed its origin to a practice introduced by the Religious houses in the reign of Edward I of bringing actions for the recovery of lands, to which they set up a fictitious title, in order by so doing to elude the Statute of Mortmain and obtain, by a sentence of the law, those lands which they were otherwise precluded from acquiring.

It was not, however, till the reign of Edward IV that Common Recoveries were generally introduced and recognised as an



**Recovery Rolls**—(continued).

ingenious and effectual means of putting an end to all fettered inheritances and of barring estates tail and all remainders and reversions expectant thereon.

Though a Recovery, generally speaking, was a more extensive species of conveyance than a Fine to guard an estate against all claims and incumbrances, the operation of each was frequently necessary in aid of the other. A Fine was thus often levied for the purpose of creating a good Tenant to the Precipe on which the Recovery was suffered, while a Recovery was suffered in order to operate as a discontinuance of an estate-tail, or for the purpose of barring remainders or reversions consequent thereon, and such a conveyance by Fine and Recovery *barred all the world*.

Recoveries were of two kinds, either by single or by double voucher, and were effected in the following manner:—

Suppose A.B. to be the Tenant-in-tail in possession of a freehold, and to be desirous of barring all entails, &c., thereon, and of conveying the same in fee-simple to C.D.

The first step in the proceedings is for C.D., who is then called the *Demandant*, to bring an action against A.B. for the recovery of the lands in question, alleging that the Tenant has no legal title thereto, but that he only came into possession after one *Hugh Hunt* had turned him, the Demandant, out therefrom. This he does by suing a writ called, from its initial words, *Precipe quod reddat*. The Tenant appears thereto and defends his right, 'vouching,' or calling to warranty, a third person, who was hence called the Vouchee. The *Demandant* then craves leave of the Court to *imparl*, or confer with the Vouchee in private, after which he returns again to the Court; but the Vouchee, although solemnly called, 'cometh not again, but departeth in contempt of Court,' and makes default, whereupon judgment is given for the *Demandant* to recover the lands in question against the Tenant, who on his part may recover lands of equal value from the *Vouchee*; but the latter having no lands of his own, being usually the Crier of the Court (who from being frequently thus vouched is called the *Common Vouchee*), the Tenant has only a nominal recompense, and the lands become absolutely vested in the *Demandant* by Judgment of the common law, a writ being directed to the Sheriff of the County to deliver seisin thereof.

The Recovery above described is by a *single* voucher only; the Recovery by *double* voucher differed from this by the estate being first conveyed, either by Fine or by Indenture, to some indifferent person against whom the Precipe or Writ was issued, and who was thence called the *Tenant to the Precipe*. He vouched or called to Warranty the actual *Tenant-in-tail*, who in his turn vouched the *Common Vouchee*, who made default as before. This was much the more effective and common form of Recovery, for if the Recovery were had against the Tenant-in-tail directly, it barred only such estate in the premises as he was then actually seised of; whilst if the Recovery were brought against another person, and the Tenant-in-tail were

**Recovery Rolls**—(continued).

called to Warranty, he thereby barred every *latent* right and interest he might have therein.

Similarly as the Fine usually conveyed an absolute estate without limitations to the cognizee, so did the Common Recovery to the recoveror and other deeds, either made previously to the Recovery, in which cases they were said to *lead* the uses, or subsequently, when they were said to *declare* them, were necessary in order to show its intended effect. Such deeds were usually not enrolled. (*See* title **Fines** above.)

Deeds enrolled in the Court of Common Pleas are on the PLACITA DE BANCO or PLEA ROLLS till Easter, 25 Elizabeth, and subsequently on the RECOVERY ROLLS, of which they form a distinct portion in each Term. On the abolition of Fines and Recoveries in 1834 the Deeds were again enrolled on the Plea or Common Rolls.

Included amongst these Deeds are such Awards of Commissioners appointed under Enclosure Acts to enclose, set out and allot the open Commons and other lands in England and Wales, as were enrolled in the Court of Common Pleas.

*Indexes to Recoveries.* 7 Henry VIII to 5 William IV. 37 Vols. MS. (Prior to Easter 25 Eliz. the references in these are to the Plea Rolls.) The proceedings in real actions, as on Writs of Right, Inquisitions in Partition, Pleas of Ancient Demesne, &c., which are enrolled on the Recovery Rolls, are indexed here.

*Calendar of Deeds Enrolled.* 1555 to 1836. 7 Vols. MS., with an Index Locorum 1555 to 1629 (2 Vols.). (Prior to East. 25 Eliz. these refer to the Plea Rolls.)

*List of Enclosure Awards enrolled in the Common Pleas.* Deputy Keeper's Report XXVII, App. pp. 9-25.

**Remembrance Rolls.**

1524 to 1871. 942 Rolls as follows:—

PROTHONOTARIES'. 1524 to 1770. 845 Rolls. These contain entries of all Rules for Judgment, &c., and also of Precipes, &c., in Pleas of Land or Common Recoveries. Until 1770 each Prothonotary kept his own Remembrance Roll.

SECONDARIES'. 1770 to 1799. 28 Rolls. From Michaelmas 1770 one Remembrance Roll only was kept for all the Prothonotaries by the Secondaries of the Court, the precipes for Recoveries being reserved for a special roll. From 1800 onwards the place of the Remembrance Rolls is taken by the Remembrance Books.

RECOVERIES. 1770 to 1833. 63 Rolls. These contain entries of precipes for suffering common Recoveries with the record of the Tenants' appearances in Court, the names of the Demandants, Tenants and Vouchees, and the particulars of the lands to be passed.

ADMISSIONS TO PROSECUTE AND DEFEND BY GUARDIANS. 1834 to 1871. 3 Rolls.

FILAZERS'. 1623 to 1691. 3 Rolls.

**Remembrance Books**

1800 to 1878. 79 Vols. These contain the entries of Rules in continuation of the Remembrance Rolls. They were kept by the Secondaries until 1838, when these officers were succeeded in their duties by the Masters of the Court.

**Warrants of Attorney to confess Judgment.**

1802 to 1874. 239 Bundles.

**Writs and Returns (Selected).**

2 Boxes. Under arrangement.

**Writs Filed, &c.**

1800 to 1859. 114 Bags.

*Indexes.* 1839 to 1860. 3 Vols. MS.

**Writs of Covenant.**

1 Edward III to 1660. 9 Bags. (*See* above p. 248).



## RECORDS OF THE ALIENATION OFFICE.

For every alienation of land held of the Crown in chief or pardon for the alienation of such land without licence a fine was payable in the Chancery. This was finally settled by Stat. 1 Edward III, st. 2, c. 12, previously to which the land had been subject to forfeiture if alienated without licence.

In 1576 Queen Elizabeth leased to the Earl of Leicester for ten years the farm of these fines together with those paid also in the Chancery upon the taking out of a writ of covenant for any alienation of land by means of a final concord, described above (p. 248) as Pre-Fines. The Earl was to pay two several yearly rents to the Hanaper of the Chancery in respect of these revenues and he was charged with the business of making the necessary valuation of the lands comprised in any alienation and of compounding for the sums payable thereon.\*

This lease resulted in the creation of a special department known at first as the Office of Compositions for Alienations and afterwards more briefly as the Alienation Office. The establishment, which does not seem to have varied greatly throughout the whole history of the Office, then consisted of three deputies of the Earl, in later times the Commissioners for Alienations, who finally decided upon the composition in each case, a Master in Chancery especially assigned to the Office to take the oaths as to the value of the lands concerned, a receiver and three clerks.†

In 1586 on the expiry of the lease a further one was granted to the Earl.‡ This time it was to continue 'during pleasure,' but on the lessee's death in 1588 the Crown appears for a short period to have taken over the management of the Office. In 1590, however, the business of it was leased for five years to the Lord Treasurer and the Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, subject to the reservation to the Hanaper of the previous yearly rents, but with the provision that all profits from the fines over and above these rents and the necessary expenses of the Office should be paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer at the end of every term.§

In 1595 the lease was renewed to the same officers, this time for a term of seven years and with the addition of the fines taken in Writs of Entry upon which Recoveries were suffered. For these a further yearly rent was reserved to the Hanaper.||

Thenceforward until the end of the reign of James II the control of the Alienation Office was vested in the Treasury by successive leases for terms of years issued under the Great Seal. From May, 1689, onwards the Commissioners of the Treasury derived their powers of management of the Office from a series of letters under the Privy Seal granted 'during pleasure.'

The yearly accounts of the Receiver General of the Alienation Fines were examined in the Exchequer by the Auditors of the Land Revenues and are now preserved in the series of Accounts Various (see page 79).

\* Patent Roll 18 Eliz., p. 13 (No. 1149).

† Lansdowne MSS. 648, ff. 1 seqq.

‡ Patent Roll 28 Eliz., p. 7 (No. 1277).

§ Patent Roll 32 Eliz., p. 11 (No. 1347).

|| Patent Roll 37 Eliz., p. 14 (No. 1438).

In 1660 the revenues of the Office were deprived of one of their principal sources by the Statute 12 Charles II, c. 24, which abolished tenures *in capite* and by knight service, and with them the fines for alienations and pardons for alienations.

In 1759 the business of collecting the Post Fines or King's Silver (*see* page 248), which had hitherto devolved upon the sheriffs of the counties, was transferred to the Alienation Office by Stat. 32 George II, c. 14.

Thus the revenues collected by the Alienation Office had come to be wholly derived from the sums payable to the Crown by persons levying Fines or suffering Recoveries. Upon the abolition, therefore, of these modes of conveyance in 1834 the business of the Office and of other offices connected with them ceased and in 1835 such offices were abolished by the Statute 5 & 6 William IV, c. 82. Under the same statute the records of the Alienation Office were transferred to the Court of Common Pleas.

#### **Accounts, Incidental Expenses.**

1700 to 1780. 1 Vol. Stationery and other petty expenses of the Office.

#### **Accounts, Deputy Receiver's.**

1684 to 1806. 5 Vols. Receipts and payments by the Deputy Receiver on the account of the Receiver General of the Office.

#### **Affidavits to moderate Fines.**

1697 to 1834. 4 Vols. and Parcels. These relate to Fines in the Common Pleas, and state the amount of the Purchase Money or the rack-rental in cases in which the rate of valuation was alleged to have been excessive.

*Declaration or Day Books.* 1769 to 1834. 18 Vols.

#### **Licences and Pardons for Alienation, Entries of.**

1571 to 1650. 21 Vols.

*Index.* Arranged under Counties. 9 Vols.

#### **Pre- and Post- Fines.**

1759 to 1794. 4 Vols. These show term by term the total sums received for the Pre-Fines and Post-Fines respectively in each county, in London and in the cities and liberties, with the number of writs issued.

#### **Writs of Covenant, Extracts from.**

1576 to 1661. 60 Vols. Brief notes of Writs of Covenant in Fines giving the county, the names of the parties and short particulars of the premises, with the amount of the Pre-Fine paid on the issue of each Writ.

#### **Do. 'Nil Books.'**

1668 to 1800. 2 Vols. These contain entries of Writs on which Pre-Fines were not paid.

#### **Writs of Entry in Recoveries, Extracts from.**

1595 to 1858. 33 Vols. These give the county, the names of the parties and brief descriptions of the properties with the valuation and amount of fine paid. The series ends properly in 1835, but there are two later entries.

**Miscellanea.**

This class consists of the following :—

ENTRY BOOKS OF WARRANTS. 1694 to 1734. 2 Vols.

ORIGINAL WARRANTS, LETTERS AND REPORTS. 1676<sup>1</sup> to 1831.  
4 Parcels.

PAPERS RELATING TO FEES AND ACCOUNTS. 1702 to 1797. 1 Parcel.

COMMONPLACE BOOK. *Circa* 1791. 1 small book containing verses  
and memoranda.

LIST OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES. 1 Vol.

TABLES OF FEES. 1 Parcel.

RECEIVER GENERAL'S ACCOUNTS AND SUBSIDIARY DOCUMENTS.  
1 Parcel, mainly from 1684 to 1717.

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## RECORDS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE.

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By the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1873 (36 and 37 Vict., c. 66), the then existing Courts, namely, the High Court of Chancery of England, the Court of Queen's Bench, the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, the Court of Exchequer, the High Court of Admiralty, the Court of Probate, the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, and the London Court of Bankruptcy were united and consolidated together so as to form one Supreme Court of Judicature in England.

It was also enacted by the same Statute that the said Supreme Court should consist of two permanent Divisions, a High Court of Justice and a Court of Appeal.

To the High Court of Justice, which was to be a Superior Court of Record, was transferred the jurisdiction which at the commencement of the Act was vested in the following (that is to say) :

- (1) The High Court of Chancery, as a Common Law Court as well as a Court of Equity.
- (2) The Court of Queen's Bench.
- (3) The Court of Common Pleas at Westminster.
- (4) The Court of Exchequer, as a Court of Revenue, as well as a Common Law Court.
- (5) The High Court of Admiralty.
- (6) The Court of Probate.
- (7) The Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
- (8) The London Court of Bankruptcy.
- (9) The Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster.
- (10) The Court of Pleas at Durham.
- (11) The Courts created by Commissions of Assize, of Oyer and Terminer, of Gaol Delivery, or any of such Commissions.

The High Court of Justice was further sub-divided into five Divisions, called respectively the Chancery Division, the Queen's Bench Division, the Common Pleas Division, the Exchequer Division, and the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division. Two of these, the Common Pleas Division and the Exchequer Division, were subsequently, by Order in Council of 16 Dec., 1880, amalgamated with the Queen's Bench Division.

To the Court of Appeal was transferred the jurisdiction and powers of the Courts following (that is to say) :

- (1) The jurisdiction and powers of the Lord Chancellor and of the Court of Appeal in Chancery, and of the same Court as a Court of Appeal in Bankruptcy.
- (2) The jurisdiction and powers of the Court of Appeal in Chancery of the County Palatine of Lancaster.
- (3) The jurisdiction and powers of the Court of the Lord Warden of the Stannaries.
- (4) The jurisdiction and powers of the Court of Exchequer Chamber.

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- (5) The jurisdiction vested in or capable of being exercised by Her Majesty in Council, or by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on appeals from the High Court of Admiralty, or from any orders in Lunacy made by the Lord Chancellor or others.

By the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Act, 1879 (42 and 43 Vict., c. 78), there was established a Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature in which were concentrated, and amalgamated with the Central Office, the following Offices, namely:

The Record and Writ Clerks' Office;

The Enrolment Office;

The Report Office;

The Offices of the Masters of the Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer Divisions, including the Bills of Sale Office;

The Offices of the Associates in the Common Pleas, Queen's Bench, and Exchequer Divisions;

The Crown Office of the Queen's Bench Division;

The Queen's Remembrancer's Office;

The Office of the Registrar of Certificates of Acknowledgment;

The Office of the Registrar of Judgments; and such other Offices as may from time to time be amalgamated with the Central Office by Rules of Court.

The Act of 1873 was to come into force on 2 November, 1874, but under the provisions of the amending Act of 1875 (Stat. 38 and 39 Vict., c. 77) this date was postponed until 1 November, 1875, and it is not until then that the new High Court of Justice came into existence.

The following description of the records of this Court so far as they have now been transferred to the Public Record Office embraces only those of the Chancery and King's Bench Divisions, the latter including those of the Common Pleas and Exchequer Divisions which have now been amalgamated with it.

So far as the records of the Chancery are concerned little or no external change is at first apparent from those of the old Court to those of the new Division. In all cases existing series were continued so that it is not possible to select a clear dividing date, but for practical reasons the commencement of the year 1876 has been generally chosen for the purpose. The records of the Enrolment Office, however, the Patent Rolls with the accompanying Warrants, and, until their discontinuance in 1903, the Close Rolls, have been included in the present work in the series of the ancient Court to which they belong.

A more immediate and far more marked change was brought about in the method of keeping the records of the common law jurisdiction by the institution of the High Court of Justice in November, 1875. The long series of Plea Rolls which are the earliest records of the former Courts were then brought to an end and their place was taken by the brief 'Judgment Papers' which have been filed up into the Judgment Books described below.

Changes in the practice of recording the proceedings both in equity and common law followed on the establishment of the Central Office in April, 1880. In many cases classes which had formerly been restricted to the records of one Division only, such as the Affidavits, Pleadings

and the Reports and Certificates, were now made to include those of both the Chancery and King's Bench Divisions, whilst several entirely new classes were formed.

The records of the King's Bench Crown Office, the King's Remembrancer's Department, the Admiralty Division, the Court of Bankruptcy and of the Clerks of Assize, which have all retained their distinctive character since the Judicature Acts, are described here in connexion with the former Courts or Departments from which they have descended.

**Acknowledgments of Deeds by Married Women :**

**Certificates of.**

1876 to 1900. 451 Bundles, numbered in continuation of those in the Common Pleas.

*Alphabetical Indexes.* 8 Vols.

**Day Books of.**

1879 to 1900. 5 Vols. The earlier books have not been preserved.

**Special Commissions to take.**

1883 to 1907. 2 Bundles. Acknowledgments taken by commission abroad.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Affidavits.**

SERIES I. 1876 to 1900. 3,130 Bundles. Until the end of the year 1880 these comprise the affidavits filed in Chancery causes only, but from 1881 onwards all affidavits in Chancery or Common Law which have been filed in the Supreme Court in the first instance.

*Indexes.* 1876 to 1900. 196 Vols.

AFFIDAVITS OF DISTRINGAS WITH NOTICES AS TO STOCK. 1895 to 1900. These are the affidavits required to be filed in the Central Office by any person claiming to be interested in the stocks or shares of a Company. They are bundled with the foregoing, but are separately numbered and indexed.

*Indexes.* 1895 to 1900. 2 Vols.

(KING'S BENCH DIVISION). 1876 to 1882. 55 Bundles.

(COMMON PLEAS DIVISION). 1876 to 1881. 5 Bundles.

(EXCHEQUER DIVISION). 1876 to 1880. 5 Bundles.

The three last series are in continuation of the General Affidavits in the former Courts of Common Law, only those affidavits which possess material interest being preserved.

**Attorneys, Admissions of, &c.**

The two first of the following classes are in continuation of the series in the former Court of King's Bench which have been previously described.

**Articles of Clerkship, &c. (' Admission Papers ').**

1876 to 1904. 72 Bundles. Arranged under the date of admission.



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## Attorneys, Admissions of, &c.—(continued).

### Affidavits of the due execution of Articles of Clerkship.

Series IV. 1875 to 1903. 53 Bundles.

### Applications for Certificates.

1875 to 1889. 6 Bundles. These are applications to take out and renew certificates to practise by six weeks' notice.

### Bills of Sale, Registers of.

(KING'S BENCH DIVISION.) 1876 to 1891. 73 Vols. These continue the series formerly kept by the Court of King's Bench.

*Indexes.* 1880 and 1881. 16 Vols. MS.

### Cause Books.

(CHANCERY DIVISION). April 1880 to 1910. 1,233 Vols. These give under the year, letter and number of each cause the names of the parties and of their respective solicitors with the record of the appearances entered and the date of filing of any pleadings.

(KING'S BENCH DIVISION). 1879 to 1910. 3,205 Vols. These are similar in character to those of the Chancery Division, but give in addition a record of the date and nature of the judgment in each action, with its reference number and the date of any writ issued in execution thereof.

(COMMON PLEAS DIVISION). 1875 to 1880. 70 Vols.

(EXCHEQUER DIVISION). 1879 and 1880. 25 Vols.

The two last series are similar to those of the King's Bench Division and give the date and nature of the judgment in each action.

### Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings.

1891 to 1904. 3,856 Files. These are actions under the various Companies Acts from 1862 onwards. They are heard before a Judge of the Chancery Division especially assigned to hear such actions and the proceedings are filed in a separate department of the Supreme Court. The Files, which include all subsequent proceedings entered under the original cause number, are arranged alphabetically according to the names of the companies.

### Debenture Actions.

1891 to 1904. 499 Files. These are actions heard in the Chancery Division and filed by the Registrar of the Companies (Winding-up) Department in the same manner as the proceedings under the Companies Acts.

### Decrees and Orders, Entry Books of.

(CHANCERY DIVISION). 1876 to 1910. 1,848 Vols. These continue the series of the former Court of Chancery. In 1875 the practice was adopted of filing up printed copies of certain of the Orders instead of, as hitherto, writing all in the Entry Books in the Registrars' Office. During 1894 the entering by the Registrars was entirely abandoned, written copies of the

**Decrees and Orders, Entry Books of—**(continued).

Decrees and Orders in the cases where printed copies were not required being thenceforward filed under the direction of the Senior Registrar, but to satisfy the requirements of the Rules of the Supreme Court, a further rule directed that every Order so filed should be deemed to be duly entered.

*Indexes.* 1876 to 1910. 136 Vols. MS.

**Depositions.**

(COMMON LAW). 1876 to 1880. 16 Bundles.

(CHANCERY AND K.B. DIVISIONS). 1880 to 1910. 524 Bundles.

These are the Depositions taken and filed in both Chancery and Common Law causes.

*Indexes.* 1880 to 1910. 4 Vols. MS.

**Enrolment Books.**

1903 to 1919. 293 Vols. These take the place of the Close Rolls of the Chancery which were continued in their ancient form down to the year 1903.

*Index to 'Indentures.'* 1903 to 1918. 17 Vols.

**Enrolment Office Records.**

15 Bundles. These contain some memorials of charities, quarterly returns of the transfers of shares of certain chartered companies, precedent books, lists of warrants for enrolments and miscellaneous papers, all between the years 1800 and 1900.

**Judgment Books.**

The 'Judgment Papers' containing a brief record of the judgments in Common Law actions which take the place of the Plea Rolls of the former Courts. They are filed and bound up in volumes. In the case of actions which were commenced in any of the Divisions of the Supreme Court subsequent to the institution of the Cause Books, reference to the date and usually the number of the judgment is to be had from these latter.

(KING'S BENCH DIVISION). 1875 to 1910. 1,410 Vols. Arranged chronologically, from June, 1879, in alphabetical groups, according to the plaintiffs' names.

*Entry Books of Judgments.* 1876 to 1879. 4 Vols. These continue the series of the Court of King's Bench.

*Alphabetical Indexes.* 1876 to 1879. 9 Vols. Arranged under Defendants' names and referring to the preceding.

*Index to Judgments.* 1879 and 1880. 10 Vols. These refer to judgments made after June, 1879, in causes pending before that date and not entered in the Cause Books.

(COMMON PLEAS DIVISION). 1875 to 1880. 83 Vols. These are arranged under the years, letters and numbers shown in the Cause Books.

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## Judgment Books—(continued).

*Alphabetical Indexes.* 1875 to 1880. 6 Vols. arranged under Defendants' names.

*Entry Book of Judgments.* 1875 to 1879. 1 Vol. Arranged chronologically.

(EXCHEQUER DIVISION). 1875 to 1880. 110 Vols. The judgments are bound up in chronological order; from August, 1879, they are in three alphabetical groups according to the plaintiffs' names.

*Alphabetical Indexes.* 1876 to 1880. 11 Vols. arranged under Defendants' names.

## Masters' Records.

(CHANCERY DIVISION). Miscellaneous books and papers from the offices of the Masters of the Supreme Court. They extend from the year 1828 to 1912, but for the most part from 1850 to 1900. They consist of Accounts, Registers of Orders, Certificates, Claims, Heirs-at-Law, &c., notes of Proceedings and the like in causes, with Accounts, Appearance Books, Proceedings and Registers in Companies Winding-up cases. Drafts of Certificates and Orders are not preserved after the lapse of forty years.

### MASTER ROMER.

Miscellaneous Books. 1850 to 1911. 149 Vols.

Papers. 1860 to 1890. 43 Bundles.

Drafts. 1874 to 1890. 47 Bundles.

### MASTER SATOW.

Miscellaneous Books. 1855 to 1899. 85 Vols.

Papers. 1850 to 1900. 58 Bundles.

Drafts. 1874 to 1900. 47 Bundles.

### MASTER FOX (including MASTERS HUGHES-ONSLOW AND CHITTY).

Miscellaneous Books. 1828 to 1895. 139 Vols.

Papers. 1870 to 1910. 480 Bundles.

*Index to Master Hughes-Onslow's Papers.* 1 Vol.

Drafts. 1874 to 1900. 94 Bundles.

### MASTER WATKIN WILLIAMS.

Miscellaneous Books. 1850 to 1909. 320 Vols.

Papers. 1850 to 1900. 21 Bundles.

Drafts. 1874 to 1890. 8 Bundles.

### MASTER HULBERT.

Miscellaneous Books. 1850 to 1903. 242 Vols.

### MASTER WHITE.

Miscellaneous Books. 1850 to 1903. 307 Vols.

### MASTER RIDSDALE.

Miscellaneous Books. 1855 to 1907. 47 Vols.

Papers. 1850 to 1912. 169 Bundles.

Drafts. 1874 to 1900. 56 Bundles.

### MASTER KEEN.

Papers. 1850 to 1910. 44 Bundles.

Drafts. 1875 to 1910. 14 Bundles.



**Masters' Records—(continued).**

**MASTER JOBSON.**

Miscellaneous Books. 1850 to 1900. 72 Vols.  
Papers. 1850 to 1910. 99 Bundles.  
Drafts. 1875 to 1910. 30 Bundles.

**MASTER CHANDLER.**

Miscellaneous Books. 1850 to 1890. 40 Vols.  
Papers. 1850 to 1890. 32 Bundles.  
Drafts. 1875 to 1890. 23 Bundles.

**Orders.**

(KING'S BENCH DIVISION). 1883 to 1905. 181 Vols. and Bundles. These are money orders and the filed duplicates of orders respecting procedure, for interim injunctions and the like made by a Judge or Master of the Court in Chambers. They are arranged chronologically under the first letters of the plaintiffs' names.

*Index.* 1883 to 1905. 17 Vols.

**Orders of Course.**

(CHANCERY DIVISION). 1876 to 1910. 136 Vols. These are in continuation of the series described under the Court of Chancery.

*Index.* 1876 to 1883. 8 Vols. Subsequent to 1883 the Orders of Course are included in the general indexes to the Entry Books of Decrees and Orders.

(KING'S BENCH DIVISION.) 1879 to 1891. 8 Vols.

**Orders to Tax.**

(CHANCERY DIVISION). 1876 to 1883. 15 Vols. in continuation of the series in the Court of Chancery. They are indexed with the Orders of Course, with which after the year 1883 they are bound.

**Petitions.**

(CHANCERY DIVISION). 1876 to 1906. 637 Bundles. These continue the series of Ordinary Petitions in the Court of Chancery.

*Indexes.* 1876 to 1906. 5 Vols.

**Pleadings, &c.**

PLEADINGS, COMMON LAW ORDERS, &c. 1876 to 1910. 1,412 Bundles. Down to the end of March, 1880, these belong to the Chancery Division only, and consist mainly of the writs of summons, with brief statement of the plaintiff's claim endorsed thereon, which superseded the ancient method of originating equity causes by bill of complaint. From April, 1880, the Writs of Summons form a distinct class (*see* below) and the present class consists of statements of claim and other pleadings both at equity and common law, together with certificates of common law judgments from District Registries, certificates of costs, notices of change of solicitor and other miscellaneous documents directed by the Court to be filed in the various

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## Pleadings, &c.—(continued).

causes. The documents are arranged according to the date of filing in alphabetical order under the plaintiffs' names in quarterly divisions of each year. The reference to any pleadings filed in the course of any action is to be had from the Cause Books.

COMMON LAW PLEADINGS AND STATEMENTS OF CLAIM. November, 1875, to March, 1880. 20 Bundles. These are the Pleadings filed in the three common law divisions of the Supreme Court prior to April, 1880, since which date those filed in the King's Bench Division are included in the foregoing class.

## Registrars' Minute Books.

(CHANCERY DIVISION). 1876 to 1890. 692 Vols. These are in continuation of the series in the Chancery Court.

## Reports and Certificates.

1876 to 1910. 2,315 Vols. This class consists mainly of the Certificates made by the Masters of the Supreme Court, including those of the Taxing-Masters. It continues the series in the old Court of Chancery and prior to the establishment of the Central Office in 1880 includes only the certificates made in the Chancery Division. From that year onwards the class includes the Certificates both of that and of the King's Bench Division and amongst other documents contained in it are the following :

ACCOUNTS, RECEIVERS' (King's Bench).

ADMISSIONS OF FACTS OR OF DOCUMENTS (Chancery).

AWARDS (Chancery) under the Arbitration Act, 1889, Sec. 12.

REPORTS

of Official Referees ;

of Special Referees ;

under the Arbitration Act, 1889, Sec. 13 ;

under the Solicitors' Act, 1888.

SCHEMES under the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853.

SPECIAL CASES (Chancery).

The Certificates, &c., are bound up in accordance with the date of filing under the first letter of the plaintiffs' names.

*Indexes.* 1876 to 1910. 35 Vols.

## Warrants of Attorney.

(KING'S BENCH DIVISION). 1875 to 1885. 20 Bundles. Warrants of Attorney to confess judgment and Cognovits or copies thereof mostly in actions of debt.

*Index.* 1875 to 1885. 4 Vols.

## Writs.

1880 to 1910. 3,382 Bundles. These are for the most part the Writs of Summons whereby causes both in the Chancery and King's Bench Divisions are originated. Since the establishment of the Central Office of the Supreme Court in April,

**Writs—(continued).**

1880, there has been a single system of numeration for each year and first letter of the plaintiffs' names of the causes in the two Divisions. This is the order shown in the Cause Books and under it the Writs of Summons are filed. The earlier Writs of Summons in Chancery causes are with the Pleadings. Included amongst the writs at the end of each year are such Writs of Execution (*feri facias*, possession and the like) as have been returned into Court. The dates of the issue and return of these writs are posted in the Cause Books.

*Indexes to Administration Writs and Summonses.* 1880 to 1910. 21 Vols.

*Key to District Registry Actions.* 1890 to 1916. 7 Vols. This shows both the District Registry numbers and the Supreme Court numbers of Actions begun in a District Registry and subsequently transferred to the Supreme Court.

**Miscellaneous Common Law Records.**

22 Vols. and Bundles. These consist for the most part of documents in classes no longer accruing and include the following amongst others :

RULE BOOKS. Various and in Appeal, 1879 to 1881.

SUMMONS AND ORDER OFFICE, Court Orders and Rules of Court, 1880 to 1882.

REGISTRATION APPEALS, 1876 to 1887.

APPEALS FROM INFERIOR COURTS, 1879 to 1881.

JUDGMENTS, &C., FROM DISTRICT REGISTRIES, 1875 to 1880.

AGREEMENTS MADE RULES OF COURT, 1876 to 1886.

ORDERS FOR PAYMENT OF MONEY INTO COURT, 1879.

PETITIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS, 1876 to 1887.

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## RECORDS OF THE COURT OF REQUESTS.

The Court of Requests, sometimes called the 'Court of Conscience,' was an equity court for poor men's causes, established in the ninth year of Henry the Seventh, the president of the Court being the Lord Privy Seal, who was assisted by the Masters of Requests as the ordinary judges. Originally this court was intended for the suits of poor men only, which were made to the King by way of supplications, and upon which they were entitled to have right without the payment of money; but before its dissolution it took cognizance of almost all suits that by colour of equity or supplication to the Prince could be brought before him. An order was made in Chancery, dated 30 November, 1588, referring all poor persons seeking relief in that Court to the Court of Requests, and further ordinances in 1618-19 refer all plaintiffs suing in *forma pauperis* to that Court.

Sir Richard Fanshawe, one of the Masters of the Court, is stated to have asserted it to be the right of his office to receive all petitions to the King, in opposition to the Secretary of State, and that such was the practice in the reign of Charles I, but his claim to do so was disallowed.

The Court was virtually abolished by Statute 16 Chas. I, c. 10, but the office of Master of the Requests continued during the following reign, the last of such appointments bearing date 12 March, 32 Chas. II.

The Records of this Court were removed from the Palace at Westminster to the Chapter House in 1732, and thence finally to the Public Record Office in 1859.

### Proceedings.

Henry VII to Charles I. 829 Parcels. The Bills, Answers and Depositions of the Court of Requests are exceedingly voluminous and the bulk of them is as yet untouched. They are arranged in reigns, the greater portion of the uncalendared proceedings of the reign of Queen Elizabeth being under the first letters of the plaintiffs' names. The following are the official means of reference to the class at present in existence and a volume of *Select Cases in the Court of Requests* from 1497 to 1659 inclusive, with an able Introduction giving the Origin and Early History of the Court and some account of its procedure, was published by the Selden Society in 1898 under the editorship of Mr. I. S. Leadam.

Hen. VII to Elizabeth (Bundles 1 to 136). *Calendar* printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XXI (1906). This includes the proceedings in the MS. *Calendar* known as 'Hunt's' and those for the period in 'Devon's Calendar' (4 Vols. MS., each volume having an *index locorum*).

Elizabeth (Bundles 137 to 156). 'Atkyns's *Calendar*,' with *index locorum*. 2 Vols. MS.

James I and Charles I. A few proceedings belonging to these reigns are described in Vol. I of 'Devon's Calendar.' (See above.)

**Proceedings, Miscellaneous.**

38 Bundles. This class included some miscellaneous pleadings and depositions, together with exhibits, bills of costs, writs of privy seal, correspondence and other documents of a subsidiary nature. The class is at present unarranged.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

210 Vols., consisting chiefly of the following classes:—

AFFIDAVIT BOOKS. Elizabeth to Charles I. 31 Vols. (*Vols.* 119-149). *Index.* 13 to 16 Chas. I. 1 Vol. MS.

APPEARANCE BOOKS. Henry VIII to Charles I. 14 Vols. (*Vols.* 104-117).

COMMISSION BOOK. 1-16 James I. 1 Vol. (*Vol.* 208).

NOTE BOOKS. Elizabeth to Charles I. 20 Vols. (*Vols.* 151-170).

ORDER BOOKS. Elizabeth to Charles I. 65 Vols. (*Vols.* 39-103).

ORDER AND DECREE BOOKS. Henry VII to Charles I. 38 Vols. (*Vols.* 1-38).

PROCESS BOOKS. Elizabeth to Charles I. 28 Vols. (*Vols.* 171-197).

WITNESS BOOKS. Elizabeth to Charles I. 9 Vols. (*Vols.* 198-206).

**Documents of Shakespearean Interest.**

1 Portfolio, containing the pleadings, &c., in the following suits:—

1. Keysar v. Burbage and others. 7 James I.

2. Witter v. Hemminges and Cundall. 17 James I.

3. Bellott v. Mountjoye. 9 James I.

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## RECORDS OF THE COURT OF STAR CHAMBER.

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The Court of Star Chamber, which took its name from the *Camera Stellata*, the 'Starred Chamber,' or Council Chamber of the King's Palace at Westminster, in which it was held, had its origin in the *Concilium Regis* or Select Council, for which it was at first but another name.

By the Statutes of 3 Hen. VII, c. 1, and 21 Hen. VIII, c. 20, the jurisdiction of the Council, or of a part of the Council, was, however, directed to a particular class of offences, such as riots and unlawful assemblies, the misdemeanour of sheriffs in the returns and panels of juries, the giving of liveries, signs and tokens, and unlawful maintenances; and this jurisdiction came to be recognised as the peculiar function of the Court of Star Chamber.

During the reign of Hen. VIII the action of the Court appears to have been by no means oppressive, but rather to have 'provided security for the humbler members of the community against oppression by their richer or more powerful neighbours'. This was, however, afterwards, as stated by Clarendon, stretched 'to the asserting of all proclamations and orders of state; to the vindicating of illegal commissions and grants of monopolies; holding for honourable that which pleased, and for just that which profited, and becoming both a Court of Law to determine civil rights, and a court of revenue to enrich the Treasury, the Council Table by proclamations enjoining to the people that which was not enjoined by the laws, and prohibiting that which was not prohibited, and the Star Chamber, which consisted of the same persons in different rooms, censuring the breach and disobedience to those proclamations by very great fines, imprisonments, and corporal severities; so that any disrespect to any acts of state, or to the persons of statesmen, was in no time more penal and the foundations of right never more in danger to be destroyed.'

These abuses led to the final abolition of the Court by Statute 16 Chas. I, c. 10.

The Records of this Court consist of Bills, Answers, Depositions, and other proceedings of great historical and genealogical interest. The Decrees and Orders of the Court are, however, unfortunately, no longer extant.

Two volumes of *Select Cases before the King's Council in the Star Chamber* between the years 1477 and 1544, with Introductory Essays on the Origin and Nature of the Court, were published by the Selden Society in 1903 and 1911, under the editorship of Mr. I. S. Leadam.

### Proceedings.

Henry VII to Philip and Mary. 57 Vols. and Bundles.

*Calendar*. Printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XIII (1901).

Elizabeth. 982 Bundles arranged under the first letters of plaintiffs' names.

*Index*. 4 Vols. MS.



**Proceedings**—(continued).

Elizabeth, Addenda. 31 Bundles.

*Calendar.* 1 Vol. MS.

Elizabeth. Supplementary. 9 Bundles, *MS. List.*

James I. 312 Bundles. *Calendar.* 7 Vols. MS.

Charles I. 1 Bundle. Described in Vol VII of the foregoing *Calendar.*

**Miscellanea.**

18 Bundles. Undated Proceedings, documents other than Proceedings, and Fragments.

## RECORDS OF THE COURT OF WARDS AND LIVERIES.

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The wardship of all lands held in chief by knight service during the minority of the heirs and the custody of the lands of idiots or natural fools and, until they should be again of right mind, of lunatics were amongst the most ancient rights of the Crown, and are enumerated in the *Prerogativa Regis*, which is at least as early as the reign of Edward I.

Until the reign of Henry VIII the issues of such lands were accounted for at the Exchequer, but by Statute 32 Hen. VIII, c. 46, a new Court, to be called the Court of the King's Wards, was instituted to superintend and regulate inquiries upon the death of the King's tenants *in capite* as to the lands of which they died seised, and the name and age of the next heir, &c., in order that the royal claims to the marriage, wardship, relief, primer seisin, and other advantages might be duly enforced, and to take account of the sums received by way of Fines, Compositions, Sales of Wardships, or otherwise.

The officers of this Court were the Master of the King's Wards, who had the custody of the seal of the Court, a King's Attorney, Receiver General, two Auditors, two Clerks, a Messenger and Usher, and it was to have its particular Auditors and Receivers, Surveyors and Feodaries.

The Master was empowered to sell and grant Wardships by the King's Bill, which was to be the Warrant for the Great Seal.

All process against accountants was to be issued by the Master, 'as in the Duchy Chamber of Lancaster,' and the money received under the Act was to be paid yearly to the Treasurer of the King's Chamber.

Lands of idiots were placed under the survey and management of the Court.

By the Statute 33 Hen. VIII, c. 22, the office of Liveries was united to this Court, which was henceforth to be known as the Court of the King's Wards and Liveries. The Master became the Master of the King's Wards and Liveries and a Surveyor of the Liveries, to be the second Officer of the Court, and a Clerk of the Liveries were added to the establishment.

All indentures, schedules, bonds and writings to be made upon liveries were to be registered and enrolled in the Court and the Clerks of the Petty Bag were to send periodically to the Master transcripts of all inquisitions and offices returned by escheators or commissioners into the Chancery, as they had been wont to do into the Exchequer.

The Court was abolished by Statute 12 Charles II, c. 24, 'an Act for taking away the Court of Wards and Liveries and Tenures in Capite and by Knight Service, &c.'

### Deeds and Evidences.

Edward I to Charles I. 4,698 documents in 63 Boxes. A collection of Ancient Deeds, Charters, Court Rolls, and other Evidences, deposited in the Court of Wards and Liveries.

*Inventory and Index.* Report VI, App. II, pp. 1-87.

### **Feodaries' Surveys.**

Elizabeth to Charles I. 53 Bundles. These are arranged in Counties and appear to be extents or valuations taken by the Feodaries of the several Counties in sequence of, and supplementary to, the Inquisitions post mortem, from which they sometimes differ materially.

*Partial Calendar.* 1 Vol. MS.

### **Indentures of Wardship and Leases.**

13 Bundles unarranged.

### **Inquisitions post mortem.**

Henry VIII to Charles I. 102 Vols. and Bundles. These are duplicates of the Chancery Series of Inquisitions post mortem which were sent to the Court of Wards and Liveries in all cases where the next heir was a minor.

*Index.* These Inquisitions are included in the general Alphabetical List of Inquisitions post mortem printed in Lists and Indexes, Nos. XXIII, XXV, XXXI and XXXIII (1907-1909).

*Partial Calendar.* 37 Hen. VIII to 3 Eliz. 1 Vol. MS.

### **Ministers' and Receiver Generals' Accounts.**

Henry VIII to Charles II. 72 Bundles.

### **Miscellaneous Books.**

700 Vols., comprising the following classes, of which a detailed list has been printed; many of the books have inserted in them indexes of persons or places:—

Vols. 1 to 38. VIEWS OF ACCOUNTS. 37 Hen. VIII to 9 Chas. I. 38 Vols.

Vols. 39 to 41. CERTIFICATES OF PROCESS FROM THE AUDITOR. 1-20 James I. 3 Vols., arranged under Counties.

Vols. 42 to 53. BOOKS OF ARREARS. Hen. VIII to 21 Chas. I. 12 Vols.

Vols. 54 to 83. BOOKS OF LIVERIES. Henry VIII to Charles I. 30 Vols.

Vols. 84 to 102A. ENTRY BOOKS OF DECREES. 15 Eliz. to 21 Chas. I. 20 Vols.

Vols. 103 to 113. PATENT AND DECREE BOOKS. Henry VIII to James I. 11 Vols.

Vols. 114 to 128. INDENTURE BOOKS. Henry VIII to Chas. I. 15 Vols. Entries or enrolments of grants of wardship and leases of the lands of minors, lunatics and idiots.

Vols. 129 to 146. BOOKS OF SURVEYS OR VALUATIONS. 5 Henry VIII to 12 James I. 17 Vols., No. 142 being now missing.\* Nos. 143 to 146 have been transferred to the General Series of **Rentals and Surveys** (see **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**).

\* Possibly Palmer's Indexes No. 105 (Extents of Manors, 21 to 22 Eliz.), which appears to be a continuation of Wards Books, Vol. 140, is the missing volume.



**Miscellaneous Books**—(continued).

*Index locorum.* 5 to 30 Hen. VIII. 1 Vol. MS. Vol. 141. 'Calendar to the Books of Bargains and Surveys' has *indices nominum* to the Surveys from 5 Hen. VIII to 10 Elizabeth.

Vols. 147 to 164. SALES OF WARDSHIPS AND ENTRIES OF PREFERMENTS. Henry VIII to Charles I. 18 Vols. These appear to include the 'Bargain Books' of which Vol. 141 described above contains *Calendars* from 5 Hen. VIII to 4 Elizabeth.

Vols. 165 to 360. MISCELLANEOUS. 196 Vols. These include the following:—

Books of Evidences and Calendar. 1556 to 1645. 5 Vols. (*Vols.* 180–184.)

Contracts for Marriages and Leases. 8 Jas. I to 14 Chas. I. 7 Vols. (*Vols.* 203–209.)

Entries of Petitions and Compositions for Wardships. 8 Jas. I to 20 Chas. I. 7 Vols. (*Vols.* 214–220.)

Process Books 19 Hen. VIII to 21 Chas. I. 18 Vols. (*Vols.* 223–240.)

Minute Books of Proceedings. 2 Jas. I to 14 Chas. I. 4 Vols. (*Vols.* 241–244.)

Sheriffs' Fines, Bonds, &c. 1 Mary to 4 Jas. I. 7 Vols. (*Vols.* 246–252.)

Fines for Liveries, &c. 7 Eliz. to 16 Chas. I. 6 Vols. (*Vols.* 253–256 and 200–201.)

Bonds for payment of money, &c. Hen. VIII to Chas. I. 13 Vols. (*Vols.* 261–273.)

Indentures, Patents and Assignments of Dower. Hen. VIII and Edw. VI. 1 Vol. (*Vol.* 286.)

Particulars for Dowers. 9 Eliz. to 11 Chas. I. 2 Vols. (*Vols.* 287, 288.)

Transcripts of Inquisitions post mortem. 2 to 33 Hen. VIII. 6 Vols. (*Vols.* 304–309.)

Abstracts of Inquisitions post mortem. 1 Eliz. to 15 Chas. I. 9 Vols. (*Vols.* 316–324.)

*Index nominum.* Hen. VIII to Chas. I. 'Palmer's Indexes,' Vol. 104. (*See also* Wards Misc. Books, Vols. 311, 312.)

Extracts from Inquisitions post mortem. 8 to 18 Hen. VIII. 1 Vol. (*Vol.* 325.)

Do. (co. Chester only). Philip and Mary. 1 Vol. (*Vol.* 326.)

Vols. 361 to 431. RECEIVER GENERALS' ACCOUNTS. 26 Hen. VIII to 17 Chas. I. 71 Vols.

Vols. 432 to 513. FEODARIES' ACCOUNTS. 33 Hen. VIII to 15 Chas. I. 82 Vols.

Vols. 514 to 561. ENTRY BOOKS OF ORDERS. 1 Edw. VI to 1652. 48 Vols.

Vols. 562 to 577. ENTRY BOOKS OF AFFIDAVITS. 14 Jas. I to 21 Chas. I. 16 Vols.

**Miscellaneous Books—(continued).**

Vols. 578 to 582. PARTICULARS FOR LIVERIES. Henry VIII to Mary. 5 Vols.

Vols. 583 to 700. ENTRIES OF EXTENTS AND ATTACHMENTS. Hen. VIII to Charles I. 118 Vols. Arranged in Counties.

**Miscellaneous Records in Bundles.**

Henry VIII to Charles I. 24 Bundles. A list of the contents of these was printed with the list of Miscellaneous Books. They include some accounts of the Receiver General, of Feodaries and other ministers, accounts of arrears, views of accounts, draft privy seals, order books, &c., and are for the most part of a very subsidiary character.

**Pleadings.**

Edward VI to Charles I. 174 Bundles. These are arranged chronologically in Terms. There is an ancient calendar to them in 4 Vols. amongst the Miscellaneous Books (Vols 281-284, now placed with Indexes, Nos. 10,218-10,221.)

**Proceedings.**

This class consists of the following :—

DEPOSITIONS. Henry VIII to Charles I. 61 Bundles. Arranged chronologically—those for the reign of Elizabeth in years, the remainder in reigns only.

DECREES, ORDERS, AFFIDAVITS, &c. Henry VIII to Charles I. 119 Bundles. Sorted into reigns only. These appear to be the originals of the Orders, &c., entered in the Books of the Court.

EXTENTS. Henry VIII to Charles I. 18 Bundles. Arranged in reigns. These are similar in character to the Feodaries' Surveys.

PARTICULARS FOR LEASES. Henry VIII to Charles I. 31 Bundles. Arranged in reigns.

PLEADINGS (SUPPLEMENTARY). Henry VIII to Charles I. 14 Bundles. Arranged in years.

Do. (MISCELLANEOUS). Unsorted. 8 Bundles.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS. Henry VIII to Charles I. 85 Bundles. Arranged in reigns.

## RECORDS OF THE PALACE COURT.

The Palace Court (*Curia Palatii*) which took the place of James I's Court of the Verge (*see* page 217) was erected by royal letters patent of 12 July, 1630, as a court of record to be called the King's Court of his Palace of Westminster for the trial of all personal pleas and actions arising within twelve miles of the said palace, the jurisdiction of the city of London and of other liberties which had power to determine such actions by former grants or custom being excepted.\*

The presiding judges were nominally the Steward and the Marshal of the Household and the Steward of the Palace Court or his deputy. The Treasurer and the Controller of the Household could also sit as judges. The business of the Court was a monopoly in the hands of four Counsel and six Attorneys.†

As under the provisions of the Statute 21 Jas. I, c. 23, a defendant could remove any action in which the damages were stated to be £5 or upwards into a superior court by a writ of *Habeas corpus*, the Palace Court became in practice mainly a court for the recovery of small debts.

The letters patent of Charles I were subsequently confirmed by those of Charles II on 4 October, 1664.‡

The Palace Court, together with the ancient Court of Marshalsea, was afterwards held in King Street, in the borough of Southwark, whence both courts were removed to Scotland Yard, Westminster.

The Palace Court was finally abolished as from 1 August, 1849, by Statute 12 and 13 Vict., c. 101, and the Records directed to be placed under the custody of the Master of the Rolls.

### Bail Books.

1692 to 1836. 66 Vols. These give the Christian names and surnames of the parties, with the names and addresses of special bail. From the year 1779 onwards each volume is indexed.

### Custody Books.

1754 to 1842. 23 Vols. These contain lists of the prisoners in execution for debt, giving the Christian names, the date of entry, the name of the prosecutor, date of discharge, &c. Each volume is indexed.

### Habeas Corpus Books.

1700 to 1849. 37 Vols. These are entry books of the causes removed to a superior Court under the provisions of the Stat. 21 James I, c. 23. They are arranged under the weekly courts and each entry is signed by the defendant's attorney or his clerk. The names and addresses of these attorneys are given as well as the name of the presiding judge of the court to which each action was removed, the amount of damages claimed, &c. Each volume is indexed under the defendants' names.

\* Patent Roll, 6 Chas. I, p. 9, (No. 2541), No. 2.

† *Public Records, Rules and Schedules*, 1877-1913, p. 222.

‡ Patent Roll, 16 Chas. II, p. 15, (No. 3065).



**Plaint Books.**

1686 to 1849. 76 Vols. These contain brief entries of all actions brought into the court, whether finally determined there or subsequently removed to a superior court. The amount of damages claimed, &c., is entered and the nature of the return to the writ. The earlier volumes have a 'pye' or alphabetical list of the writs returned at each court, but from about the year 1800 onwards the volumes are generally unindexed.

**Plea Rolls.**

1629 to 1849. 135 Rolls.

*Docket Books.* 1802 to 1849. 8 Vols. These give under each court the names of the parties to all the actions in which final judgment was given, with the nature of the verdict and the reference number of the plea. Each book is indexed under the plaintiffs' names.

**Profit Books.**

1644 to 1846. 150 Vols. Accounts of the fees received by the six attorneys at each of the weekly courts.

**Rule Books.**

1666 to 1833. 78 Vols. The series is incomplete and the books are not indexed.

**Miscellanea.**

17 Bundles consisting of the following:—

JUDGES' NOTE BOOKS. 1799 to 1849. 39 Books.

ATTORNEYS' TRANSCRIPT BOOKS. 1716 to 1760. 9 Vols. Lists of the cases at each court, with brief notes of proceedings thereon. The books are generally indexed.

APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS OF THE COURT, &c. 1739 to 1849. 3 Bundles. These include certificates of ministers and others as to the character of applicants for office, oaths of office, surrenders and the like.

ORIGINAL LETTERS PATENT. 6 Chas. I and 16 Chas. II. 2 Cases. These are the original patents for the erection of the Palace Court.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND PAPERS. 18th and 19th cents. 3 Bundles. Accounts of charities, &c., for the relief of prisoners, lists of discharged prisoners and of debtors receiving the county allowance, exhibits, correspondence, &c.

SPECIMENS OF CLASSES OF DOCUMENTS SCHEDULED FOR DESTRUCTION UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE ACTS.\* 8 Bundles.

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\* See *Public Records, Rules and Schedules*, 1877-1913, pp. 223-225.

## **RECORDS OF THE KING'S BENCH PRISON, THE FLEET PRISON, AND THE MARSHALSEA PRISON.**

The Marshalsea of the Court of King's Bench was a prison for debtors and persons confined under the sentence or charged with contempt of that Court.

The Fleet prison was a prison for debtors and bankrupts and for persons charged with contempt of the Courts of Chancery, Exchequer and Common Pleas.

The Marshalsea of H.M. Household was a prison for debtors, for persons charged with contempt of the Court of the Marshalsea, the Palace Court and the High Court of Admiralty, and for Admiralty prisoners under sentence of Courts Martial.

By the Act 5 and 6 Vict., cap. 22, the Fleet Prison and the Prison of the Marshalsea of H.M. Household and Palace Court were abolished as from the 31st of May, 1842, and the Prison of the Marshalsea of the Court of Queen's Bench, thenceforward to be called 'The Queen's Prison,' was appointed to be the only prison for all Debtors, Bankrupts, and other persons, who, before the passing of the Act, might lawfully have been imprisoned in any one of the three prisons mentioned. By Section 3 of the same Act it was provided that all the Records, Books and Papers in the custody of any officer of the two abolished prisons should be delivered to the Marshal of the Queen's Prison.

By the Act 25 and 26 Vict., cap. 24, the Queen's Prison was also abolished as from the 7th of August, 1862. By Section 8 it was directed that all Records, Books and Papers in the custody of any officer of the Queen's Prison should be delivered to such person as one of H.M. Principal Secretaries of State might direct; and, in pursuance of this Section, the Records, &c., in question were deposited in the Public Record Office.

The classes of Records relating to the several Prisons now remaining in the Public Record Office are as follows:—

### **I.—KING'S OR QUEEN'S BENCH PRISON AND QUEEN'S PRISON.**

#### **Commitment Books.**

1719 to 1721 and 1747 to 1862. 54 Vols. These record the date of the commitments and the authority for the same, with notes of subsequent proceedings relative to the prisoners, date of discharge, &c. The volumes are indexed.

#### **Commitments, Abstract Books of.**

1780 to 1815. 20 Vols. These give the date of commitment, the amount involved, &c., the prosecutor's name and the date of discharge. Each volume is indexed.

#### **Commitments to Strong Room.**

1847 to 1862. 3 Vols. Reports of the prison authorities of offences by prisoners against the regulations with the orders made thereon. The first two volumes are indexed.

**Discharges.**

1776 to 1862. 79 Bundles. These are the original warrants for the discharge of prisoners. Particulars of them are entered in the Commitment Books.

**Execution Books.**

1758 to 1851. 10 Vols. Arranged alphabetically under the prisoners' names. They give the names of the prosecutors and of their attorneys, with the amount of damages, &c.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

1842 to 1862. 32 Vols. These are records of the Queen's Prison and consist of the following :—

DONATION BOOKS. 1843 to 1862. 2 Vols.

RECEIPT BOOKS OF CHARITIES. 1846 to 1862. 3 Vols. containing the actual signatures of the recipients.

KEEPER'S JOURNAL. 1843 to 1862. 9 Vols., the last being an abstract of the books from 1843 to 1854.

CHAPLAIN'S JOURNAL. 1848 to 1854. 1 Vol.

GOVERNOR'S LETTER BOOKS. 1843 to 1862. 4 Vols.

GAOLER'S LETTER BOOK. 1851 to 1862. 1 Vol.

COUNTY MONEY BOOKS. 1843 to 1860. 1 Vol. Annual receipts for the moneys received from each county under Stat. 53 Geo. III, c. 113.

COUNTY ALLOWANCE BOOKS. 1842 to 1862. 4 Vols. These show the names of prisoners receiving the allowance.

BOOKS OF SIGNATURES FOR COUNTY MONEY. 1850 to 1861. 4 Vols.

ACCOUNTS OF COUNTY MONEY RECEIVED AND PAID. 1843 to 1861. 1 Vol. Accounts of the Keeper rendered to the Treasury under Stat. 5 Vict., c. 22, s. 9.

GOVERNOR'S RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT BOOK. 1843 to 1862. 1 Vol.

MAINTENANCE OF POOR PRISONERS' BOOK. 1861 to 1862. 1 Vol.

**II.—FLEET PRISON.****Commitment Books.**

1685 to 1748 (series imperfect) and 1778 to 1842. 50 Vols. From 1725 onwards each volume is indexed.

**Commitments.**

1758 to 1842. 160 Bundles. These are the Orders for commitment and the bundles include also the Renders and Surrenders and accompanying documents. They are numbered to correspond with the entries in the Commitment Books.

**Discharges and 'Copy of Causes.'**

1775 to 1842. 43 Bundles. The original Warrants for discharges. They are noted in the Commitment Books.



### III.—KING'S OR QUEEN'S BENCH PRISON, QUEEN'S PRISON AND FLEET PRISON.

#### Miscellanea.

- 1696 to 1862. 238 Vols. and Bundles. The following with other records are included in this class :—
- ACCOUNTS OF WAGES, &c. 1818 to 1862.
- CHUM BOOKS. 1820 to 1835.
- Do. (FEMALE). 1853 to 1857.
- CHUMMAGES (DAILY). 1825 to 1862.
- COMMITMENT BOOKS (DAILY). 1850 to 1862.
- Do. (ABSTRACT). 1769 to 1840.
- Do. FROM CHANCERY. 1832 to 1862.
- DAY BOOKS. 1812 to 1862.
- DEPUTY KEEPER'S JOURNALS. 1843 to 1862.
- DISCHARGES, ENTRY BOOKS OF. 1734 to 1861.
- EXHIBITS. *Circa* 1800 to 1830.
- HABEAS CORPUS BOOKS. 1730 to 1861.
- MARSHAL'S DAY OR NOTE BOOKS. 1829 to 1862.
- PRISONERS, LISTS OF (ALPHABETICAL). 1733 to 1862.
- Do. (CHRONOLOGICAL). 1696 to 1862.
- REPORT BOOKS (NIGHTLY). 1849 to 1862.
- RULE BOOKS (DAY). Series I and II. 1748 to 1843.
- WARRANTS. 1804 to 1862. These are for wines, spirits, nurses, and other allowances to prisoners.

### IV.—PRISON OF THE MARSHALSEA OF THE KING'S HOUSEHOLD AND PALACE COURT.

#### Records.

- 1773 to 1842. 20 Vols. and Bundles. These consist of the following :—
- DAY BOOKS OF COMMITMENTS AND DISCHARGES. 1812 to 1842. 14 Vols.
- REGISTER OF ADMIRALTY PRISONERS. 1773 to 1842. 3 Vols.
- ADMIRALTY WARRANTS. 1812 to 1818 and 1821 to 1842. 1 Bundle.
- Original Orders for the commitment and discharge of Admiralty prisoners.
- MISCELLANEOUS. 1 Bundle.
- SPECIMENS OF CLASSES OF DOCUMENTS SCHEDULED FOR DESTRUCTION. 1 Bundle.

## RECORDS OF THE HIGH COURT OF ADMIRALTY

INCLUDING, SINCE THE PASSING OF THE JUDICATURE ACT OF 1873, THOSE OF THE ADMIRALTY DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

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The Court of Admiralty is stated to have been established in the reign of Edward III, although the Lord High Admiral exercised jurisdiction in all maritime affairs from a much earlier period. The office of Admiral is now executed by Commissioners, who, by Statute 2 Will. and Mary, c. 2, are declared to have the same authorities, jurisdictions, and powers as the Lord High Admiral.

The Cinque Ports are, however, exempt from the Admiralty of England, their jurisdiction being vested in the Warden of the said ports.

The High Court of Admiralty, though not a Court of Record, had jurisdiction where the Common Law could give no remedy, and took cognizance of all maritime causes or causes arising wholly upon the sea.

This Court was sub-divided into an Instance Court, a Prize Court, and a Court of Appeal for Prizes.

In the Instance Court proceedings were taken in suits relating to seamen's wages, damage to ships, salvage and droits, and in cases of piracy, warrants being issued therefrom, on due cause being shown, for the arrest of ships and cargoes, and occasionally of masters and owners.

The criminal division of the Instance Court for the trial of murder and piracy was called the Session of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for the Admiralty of England. The actual trial was always held in the Old Bailey, but the preliminary examinations were taken in Doctors' Commons. Trial was by judge, jury and witnesses, and the division was in fact a common law court.

In the Prize Court, and in the Court of Appeal for Prizes, were decided all cases arising out of prizes taken from an enemy in time of war, in pursuance of the Prize Acts usually passed at the commencement of a war, the provisions of which varied from time to time. In the Prize Court were also kept Registers of the Declarations of all Letters of Marque and Reprisal.

At first instance and prize business was taken in the same court, but soon after the Restoration the two were separated and the Instance and Prize Courts kept distinct.

There were also Vice-Admiralty Courts in the foreign dominions of the Crown, from which appeals were made to the King in Council and formerly in some cases to the High Court of Admiralty.

The appellate jurisdiction from the Instance Court of Admiralty was vested in the High Court of Delegates.

The business of the High Court of Admiralty was in past times administered by the doctors in the civil law in the courts in Doctors' Commons, so-called from their place of residence on the south side of St. Paul's Cathedral, of which they obtained a lease in 1570 and subsequently in 1783 the freehold. At first a voluntary association, the doctors were incorporated by letters patent of 22 June, 1768, under the style of 'the College of Doctors exercent in the Ecclesiastical and Admiralty Court.' Their special privileges were abolished in 1857 by

Stat. 20 and 21 Vict., c. 77, but for some time before that date other than doctors had obtained by special licence a right to practise in the Admiralty Court.\*

Under the Judicature Act, 1873, the Court became a division of the High Court of Justice, but as the records of the Admiralty Registry since the coming into force of that Act have continued to be kept distinct from those of the other divisions of the same High Court and generally continue previously existing series, they have been incorporated with those of the ancient Court, which are now sub-divided into the following classes :—

## I.—CRIMINAL.

### Oyer and Terminer Records.

1535 to 1834. 85 Vols. and Bundles.

These are the proceedings in trials for piracy and other crimes committed on the high seas.

*Calendar of Indictments.* 1537 to 1782.

## II.—INSTANCE AND PRIZE COURTS.

### Accounts.

1628 to 1889. 567 Vols. and Bundles. These include the following amongst others :—

ACCOUNT BOOKS. 1860 (pursuant to Court rules).

BILLS OF COSTS, TAXED AND CORRECTED. 1740 to 1859.

CASH BOOKS. 1763 to 1888.

CROWN FUNDS. 1628 to 1866. Accounts of tenths of prizes, droits, &c.

FEES. 1647 to 1884. Accounts of fees of the Registry, the Court and the Marshal, Bill Books, Seal Books, &c.

INSPECTORS' ACCOUNTS. 1795 to 1802.

JOURNALS. 1650 to 1664 and 1853 to 1889.

PRIZES. 1650 to 1882. Accounts of Commissioners, Navy Agents, &c.

REGISTRAR'S ACCOUNTS. 1814 to 1860.

STAMP JOURNALS. 1810 to 1879.

SUITORS' MONEY. 1628 to 1853. Accounts of moneys paid out of Court, receipt books, &c.

### Acts.

1524 to 1786. 290 Vols. and Bundles. This class consists of the Act Books (1524 to 1749), Minutes or drafts of Acts (1577 to 1752) and the Prize Acts (1643 to 1786). There are *Alphabetical Calendars* of the Act Books from 1622 to 1749. The Act Books record the daily business of the Court and contain entries, usually of a brief nature, of the proceedings in each case. The Minutes or drafts and the Prize Acts relate to proceedings both in Court and in Chambers.

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\* For a brief general account of the history of the Court and its records see C. M. Andrews, *Guide to the Materials for American History in the Public Record Office of Great Britain*, Vol. II (Washington D.C., 1914). For its early history and practice see *Select Pleas in the Court of Admiralty* (Selden Soc.), Vols. I and II (London, 1894 and 1897).



**II.—INSTANCE AND PRIZE COURTS—**(continued).**Appraisements.**

1626 to 1745. 24 Files. These are the commissions and decrees for the appraisement of ships and their goods after the passing of sentence and contain the inventories made. The files subsequent to the year 1672 have usually an *Index* to their contents prefixed to them.

**Assignment Books (Instance).**

SERIES I. 1671 to 1767. 142 Vols.

SERIES II. 1767 to 1810. 58 Vols.

SERIES III. 1810 to 1860. 56 Vols.

These are books kept in Court in which were entered brief notes of the proceedings at each session of the Instance Court, the notes being afterwards expanded in the Act Books. Formal adjournments of Oyer and Terminer cases at Doctors' Commons are also recorded in them, but not the actual proceedings at the Old Bailey. From 1783 onwards there is generally an *Index* of the ships' names at the end of each volume.

**Assignment Books (Prize).**

GENERAL SERIES. 1718 to 1840. 161 Vols.

Do. (DUPLICATES). 1796 to 1802. 40 Vols.

WAR OF 1803. 1803 to 1810. 38 Vols.

Do. (ORIGINALS). 1803 to 1810. 89 Vols.

These are of similar character to the foregoing, but record the proceedings both in Court and in Chambers in Prize cases. The two series termed 'Duplicates' and 'Originals' consist of bound volumes of the original acts or assignments which were afterwards fair-copied into the books in the remaining two series. The volumes in all four series have usually an *Index* of ships' names appended.

**Black Book of the Admiralty.**

1 Vol. An illuminated 15th century MS., containing

Ancient rules for the office of the Lord Admiral.

Rules and ordinances for the Admiralty in time of war.

Rules and orders about matters relating to the Admiralty with the laws of Oleron, &c.

Inquisition taken at Queenborough, 49 Edw. III, respecting the ancient usages of the sea.

Practice of the Court of Admiralty.

Documents of the Admiralty Court of the time of John Holland, Duke of Exeter, A.D. 1443-1446.

The office of the Constable and Marshal.

Statutes and ordinances to be kept in the time of war, temp. Hen. V.

Order of Battle in the Court of Chivalry.

'De Materia Duelli,' a treatise compiled in A.D. 1437.

The original manuscript had been mislaid at the Admiralty Registry for many years when Sir Travers Twiss commenced his edition of *The Black Book of the Admiralty*, published with many illustrative documents in 4 Vols. (1871-1876) in the series of *Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland*. Consequently the text of the book as given in Vol. I of this

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work was printed from an 18th century transcript at the Admiralty in Whitehall, collated with earlier MSS. at the British Museum, the Bodleian and elsewhere. The original was discovered before the completion of this work and a list of the variant readings in it from the text as printed is given in Vol. IV.

**Court Minute Books (Prize).**

GENERAL SERIES. 1777 to 1842. 50 Vols.

WAR OF 1803. 1803 to 1810. 42 Vols.

These set out the previous proceedings in each case, with notes added of the proceedings on the last date. A few cases in the Instance Court are recorded. Down to the year 1833 each volume has an *Index* of ships' names.

**Examinations, &c.**

1536 to 1826. 223 Vols. and Bundles. These are the depositions of witnesses and examinations taken on commission. From 1653 to 1749 there is an *Index* of the contents of each volume. The class includes also the Answers to the Libels from 1577 to 1770.

**Exemplifications.**

1531 to 1768. 79 Files. These are the corrected and dated drafts of the commissions and other authorities for the enforcement of the orders of the Court.

**Instance Papers.**

1629 to 1913. 1,451 Bundles. These consist for the earlier period of the affidavits and exhibits, such as bills of lading, copies of documents, correspondence, &c., in Instance cases. The later bundles contain the original pleadings as well as the affidavits.

*Index.* 1629 to 1885. 3 Vols. MS. (From 1860 onwards reference to the Instance Papers is made from the Minute Books.)

**Interlocutories (Instance).**

1792 to 1824. 3 Vols.

**Do. (Prize).**

1793 to 1824. 83 Vols.

Interlocutory decrees. The volumes in the Prize Court series down to May, 1809, have each an *Index* of ships' names.

**Interrogatories.**

1541 to 1733. 30 Files and Bundles.

*Calendar.* 1633 to 1733. 7 Vols. MS.

Do. 1652 to 1674 (Prize Court). 1 Vol. MS.

**II.—INSTANCE AND PRIZE COURTS**—(continued).**Letters of Marque, Declarations.**

1689 to 1814. III Vols.

**Do. Bonds, &c.**

1549 to 1815. 229 Bundles. Warrants for the issue of Letters of Marque or Reprisals to the commanders of vessels were made out by the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners of the Admiralty and directed to the Judge of the Admiralty Court. The commander had thereupon to make a declaration in court setting out the name of his ship, the number of guns it carried, the number of the crew and the names of the owners and principal officers. He had also to enter into a bond and find bail for the observance of his articles or instructions before his commission was finally issued by the Court.

The Declarations include an *Index* (7 Vols.) from 1793 to 1814 referring under the ships' names to the dates of the declarations. Included amongst the Bonds are the original warrants from the Admiralty, registers of the issue of commissions between 1625 and 1687 and other documents relative to the subject.

**Libels, &c.**

1519 to 1814. 176 Bundles. These are the original files of the Court and form for the earlier period the principal source of information as to the character of business transacted. Besides the libels, allegations and other pleadings the files contain the decrees and sentences and in addition much miscellaneous matter, such as exhibits, interrogatories, commissions for the examination of witnesses and other purposes, writs, &c.

The original files of the Instance Court for years later than 1739 are not now forthcoming, but included in this series are the Allegations in Prize cases down to the year 1814.

Extracts from the Libels between the years 1527 and 1602 have been printed by the Selden Society in *Select Pleas in the Court of Admiralty*, Vols. I and II, under the editorship of Mr. R. G. Marsden (London, 1894 and 1897).

*Calendar of Libels, &c.* 1633 to 1744. 8 Vols. MS.

*Calendar of Allegations (Prize).* 1652 to 1674. 1 Vol. MS.

**Minute Books (Instance).**

1860 to 1909. 136 Vols. These contain brief notes under the reference numbers of the cases to all the proceedings therein. Each volume has an *Index* of ships' names.

**Monitions (Prize).**

1664 to 1815. 92 Files and Bundles. These were directed to the Marshal of the Court, giving notice of the seizure of any ship, and warning all persons interested to appear before the Court within a fixed period and show cause why the ship should not be condemned as lawful prize. These monitions were affixed to one of the pillars of the Royal Exchange. References to them are given in the Calendars of **Prize Papers**, *q.v.*



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1661 to 1855. 1846 Bundles. This large class contains a very miscellaneous collection of documents, consisting not only of those filed in the course of the trial, such as the claims, attestations, commissions, examinations, affidavits and the like, but also exhibits such as the ships' papers, intercepted letters, vice-admiralty court papers, &c. The general series terminates in 1815, but there are a few bundles containing papers of a later date. The bundles are arranged alphabetically under the first letter of the ship's name.

*Index.* 1793 to 1815.

*Calendar of Prizes taken, &c.* 1652 to 1744. 19 Vols. MS. These are arranged alphabetically and from 1672 onwards set out the proceedings in each case with special references to the **Monitions** and **Sentences**, *q.v.*

*Calendar of Examinations.* 1665 to 1667. 1 Vol. MS. (The documents are in Bundles 10 to 12 of the Prize Papers.)

**Russian War, 1854.**

1854 to 1860. 105 Bundles and Vols., comprising the following:—

**PRIZE PAPERS.**

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**PRIZE APPEALS PAPERS.**

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**PRIZE ASSIGNATION BOOKS.** 3 Vols.

Do. (APPEALS). 1 Vol.

**RETURNS OF RUSSIAN VESSELS CAPTURED AND CONDEMNED.** Printed and MS. returns to the House of Commons giving the names of British ships engaged, the decretal part of the Sentence, &c.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VICE-ADMIRALTY COURTS, &c.** Printed copies.

**MISCELLANEA.** Registrar's reports, circulars and letters to naval commissioners and others, copies of Orders in Council, rough Prize Minutes, miscellaneous papers, &c.

**Sentences (Prize).**

1643 to 1854. 65 Vols. and Bundles.

*Calendar.* 1664 to 1669. 1 Vol. MS. See also under Prize Papers. Many of the volumes contain an *Index* (under the ships' names) to their contents.

**Slave Trade : Government Reports.**

1821 to 1891. 89 Vols.

**Do. Additional Papers.**

13 Bundles. The volumes called 'Government Reports' contain copies of the reports made to the Treasury by the Court on reference to it by that Department pursuant to Stat. 1 and 2 George IV, c. 99, which sanctioned the capture of vessels and cargoes engaged in the prosecution of the Slave Trade in

**II.—INSTANCE AND PRIZE COURTS—**(continued).**Slave Trade : Additional Papers—**(continued).

violation of the conventions made with the Kings of Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, &c. Reference to these Reports down to December, 1864, may be made from the Calendar of the **Treasury Papers** mentioned below.

The additional Papers contain some of the drafts, accounts and original correspondence used in the preparation of the above Reports which are missing from the series called Treasury Papers, in addition to printed copies of Acts of Parliament, of treaties and conventions with foreign powers, blue books of correspondence, reports and memoranda of the Registrar of the Court and other miscellaneous matter.

**Treasury Papers.**

1821 to 1897. 229 Boxes. These contain the files of papers used in drawing up the foregoing Reports on the Slave Trade and are numbered to correspond with them. Boxes 127 and 150 are missing.

*Calendar and Index.* 1821 to 1864. (Nos. 1 to 10,000.) 5 Vols. MS.

**Warrants.**

1515 to 1760. 55 Files. Original files of Warrants, Monitions, Decrees, &c., as returned to the Court with the returns endorsed.

**Do. (Royal).**

1760 to 1853. 27 Parcels. Warrants for grants out of the droits of Admiralty and droits of the Crown, chiefly for the capture of enemy ships and property. They are numbered 1 to 1,335.

*Register and Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Warrant Books.**

1541 to 1772. 77 Vols. These are registers of the Warrants for arrest of ships, &c., containing brief notes of them as issued, with the names of the Proctors, at whose instance they were issued. The books contain also memoranda of bails.

**Miscellanea.**

1531 to 1880. 897 Bundles and Vols. This class includes, together with many books and papers of the Court of subsidiary interest, the following :—

AFFIDAVITS, REPORTS, &c., 1662 to 1807.

LETTERS OF ATTORNEY (PRIZE), originals and copies, 1700 to 1858.

Do. Registers, 1760 to 1858. These were kept pursuant to Stat. 33 Geo. II, c. 19.

BAIL BONDS, 1741 to 1829.

COURT MINUTE BOOKS (PRIZE), 1779 to 1827. These fill gaps in the series above described (p. 286).

**II.—INSTANCE AND PRIZE COURTS—**(continued).**Miscellanea—**(continued).

PROCEEDINGS IN FOREIGN COURTS OR LANGUAGES, 1550 to 1778.

INSTRUMENTS (DRAFT), 1773 to 1855. These appear to continue the class known as **Exemplifications** (*q.v.*).

INTERCEPTED MAILS AND PAPERS, 1652 to 1811.

MINUTES (DRAFT) (INSTANCE), 1771 to 1853.

Do. Do. (PRIZE), 1746 to 1815. These are similar to those noted above amongst the **Acts**.

PRIZE CLAIMS, 1643 to 1703.

PROCTORS (PAPERS RELATING TO), 1727 to 1841. Documents relating to the appointment and admission of proctors of the Court, appearance certificates of proctors in prize causes, &c.

PROCURATIONS (PRIZE), 1547 to 1565.

PROHIBITIONS, 1531 to 1645.

REGISTERS AND COPIES OF INSTRUMENTS, 1625 to 1776.

REGISTRAR'S REPORTS (DRAFT), 1790 to 1860.

REGISTRAR'S AND SPECIAL RECORDS, 1649 to 1850. These include precedent books, lists of documents issued from the Registry and receipts for the same, printed returns, letters and papers, &c.

SHIPS' BOOKS AND PAPERS, 1624 to 1816.

SHIPS' LOGS, 1862 to 1888. 7 Vols.

SLAVE TRADE, 1822 to 1877. Proceedings in Mixed Commission Courts, translators' papers, prize papers, &c.

VICE-ADMIRALTY COURTS, 1740 to 1860. Papers relating to Commission on rules and fees, &c.

WARRANTS FOR APPOINTMENTS, 1604 to 1853.

UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS, 1545 to 1880.

**III.—PRIZE APPEALS RECORDS.****Acts.**

1689 to 1813. 18 Bundles and Vols. These consist of original and draft Acts 1689 to 1787, Acts to lead Instruments 1802 to 1813, Acts to lead to desertion of Appeals 1799 to 1804, and entry books of Acts (*indexed*) 1689 to 1713.

**Appeals Papers.**

1689 to 1833. 574 Bundles. These are of similar character to the Prize Papers described above. They are arranged under the first letter of the ships' names in groups according to the various Wars.

*Index.* 1793 to 1815.

**Assignment Books.**

SERIES I. 1689 to 1801. 38 Vols.

SERIES II. 1793 to 1832. 89 Vols.

From 1740 onwards each volume has an *index* of ships' names. There is also a *General Index*, 1793 to 1819 (1 Vol. MS.), referring to the entries in Series II of a decretal nature only.



**III.—PRIZE APPEALS RECORDS—**(continued).**Case Books.**

1750 to 1818. 71 Vols. Bound volumes of the printed cases. The series includes two volumes of *Index* to the earlier volumes, the later ones from No. 17 onwards having each their own index inserted.

**Interlocutories.**

1794 to 1822. 11 Vols. The original interlocutory decree made in Council and subsequently entered in the Assignment Books. Down to the end of the year 1810 each volume has an *Index* of ships' names.

**Sentences.**

1672 to 1772. 7 Bundles.

*Index.* 1689 to 1699. 1 Vol. MS.

**Miscellanea.**

1689 to 1844. 44 Bundles and Vols. These include the following :—

DRAFT INSTRUMENTS, 1689 to 1786.

MINUTES, 1780 to 1833. Original and draft.

FEE BOOKS, 1690 to 1844. Account books of fees, bills of costs, bill books, &c.

ORIGINAL COMMISSIONS, 1690 to 1746.

**IV.—VICE-ADMIRALTY COURTS.****Proceedings in Vice-Admiralty Courts.**

1636 to 1875. 106 Bundles and Vols. These comprise the following :—

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, 1795 to 1805. Prize papers, assignment books, register of powers of attorney, &c.

CAPE NICHOLAS MOLE, 1797 to 1799. Prize papers and miscellaneous proceedings.

GUADALOUPE, 1811 to 1815. Miscellaneous proceedings.

JAMAICA, 1662 to 1663 and 1747 to 1748. Precedents and copies of proceedings.

MINORCA, 1799 to 1802. Prize and civil proceedings, prize decrees, bonds for letters of marque, register of powers of attorney, &c.

NEW YORK, 1777 to 1783. Miscellaneous papers (instance and prize), assignment books, letters of agency, &c.

SIERRA LEONE, 1808 to 1817. Cases adjudicated.

VARIOUS, 1636 to 1875. Proceedings in Lancashire and Cheshire (1636 to 1639), piracy proceedings in America, Africa, India, the West Indies, the Channel Islands, &c. (1723 to 1739), returns as to prizes in India and various colonies (1793 to 1831), &c.

## RECORDS OF THE HIGH COURT OF DELEGATES.

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The Court of Delegates was established by Henry VIII in the 25th year of his reign in order to supersede the Papal jurisdiction in appeals from the Ecclesiastical Courts.

It took cognizance of questions of marriage and legitimacy, and of disputes relating to the payment of tithes, fees, obventions, &c., and also of offences against morals and good behaviour, of which the business of the Consistorial Courts chiefly consisted.

In every case of appeal to this Court a Special Commission under the Great Seal was issued out of the Court of Chancery, directed to such persons, called 'Judices Delegati,' as the Lord Chancellor for the time being should see fit to appoint to hear and determine the same.

The Court of Delegates exercised an appellate jurisdiction not only from all the Ecclesiastical Courts, but also from the Instance Court of the High Court of Admiralty. The Court was abolished in 1832 by Stat. 2 & 3 Will. IV, c. 92, its powers in Ecclesiastical and Maritime causes being transferred to the Privy Council.

The Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty acted as Registrar of the High Court of Delegates and the records of the latter were formerly preserved at the Admiralty Registry whence they were transferred to the Public Record Office. They comprise the following classes:—

### Acts.

1538 to 1756. 26 Vols. and Bundles. Down to the year 1692 these are in bound volumes, each of which has an *Index*. The later Acts and a few of earlier date are unbound.

### Assignment Books.

1650 to 1829. 56 Vols. These prior to 1692 contain rough minutes of the proceedings both in Court and in Chambers which appear to have been subsequently entered in the Act Books. From the year 1691 onwards the volumes take the place of the Act Books and each has generally an *Index*.

### Case Books.

1796 to 1834. 13 Vols. Bound volumes of the printed proceedings with manuscript entries of the judgments on appeal.  
*Index*. 1 Vol. MS.

### Cause Papers.

*Circa* 1600 to 1834. 119 Bundles. These are the unbound copies of the proceedings which from 1796 are bound up in the Case Books. They are arranged alphabetically according to the title of the cause. The earlier papers are in manuscript.

### Examinations.

1557 to 1735. 22 Vols. and 1 Bundle. Depositions and Answers.

**Processes.**

1609 to 1834. 736 Vols. Copies of the Papers in Causes before the Court.

*List.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Sentences.**

1585 to 1802. 35 Files and Bundles, the last in the series being a small entry book from 1796 to 1802.

**Miscellanea.**

1536 to 1866. 87 Bundles and Vols. This class includes amongst others the following documents, those after 1833 belonging to the Registrar of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in ecclesiastical and maritime causes :—

ORIGINAL COMMISSIONS. 1660 to 1833. The appointments of the Delegates in the several causes.

PROTOCOLS, &c., OF APPEALS, 1649 to 1710.

ACCOUNT BOOKS, &c., 1609 to 1866. Bill books, bills of costs, seal accounts, &c.

DRAFT INSTRUMENTS, 1760 to 1833.

INHIBITIONS, 1689 to 1698.

MONITIONS. Chas. I to 1717.

INTERLOCUTORIES, 1790 to 1824.

REPERTORY BOOKS, 1619 to 1789. Lists of the cases before the Delegates, with brief notes of their commissions, of the nature of each case, &c. 4 Vols. indexed.

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## RECORDS OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL IN APPEALS FROM ECCLESIASTICAL AND ADMIRALTY COURTS.

In 1832, by Stat. 2 & 3 Will. IV, c. 92, the powers of the High Court of Delegates, which represented the jurisdiction of the King in his Chancery both in ecclesiastical and maritime causes, were transferred to the King in Council. From the preamble of this Act it appears that notwithstanding Stat. 8 Eliz., c. 5, which enacted that the judgments given by the Delegates should be final and that there should be no further appeal from them, commissions had been occasionally granted by the King in Council to review judgments and decrees given by the said Delegates.

By Stat. 3 & 4 Will. IV, c. 41, certain persons were appointed a permanent committee of the Privy Council for hearing all appeals made to it and the Court thus constituted received the style of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. This Act gave the Crown power to appoint under its sign manual a Registrar of the Privy Council for the purposes of the Act, but from the first the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty appears to have acted as Registrar of the Judicial Committee in ecclesiastical and maritime causes as he had previously acted as Registrar of the Court of Delegates. This arrangement was finally authorised by Stat. 6 & 7 Vict., c. 38, and the records of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in these particular causes were accordingly preserved in the Admiralty Registry, whence they have been transferred to the Public Record Office. They consist of the following classes :—

### Assignment Books.

1833 to 1878. 17 Vols. These are similar in character to the Assignment Books of the Court of Delegates in their final form. Each of the volumes has an *Index*.

### Case Books.

1834 to 1870. 35 Vols. and Bundles. Printed copies of the ecclesiastical and maritime cases before the Judicial Committee, with manuscript notes of the proceedings on appeal.

### Processes.

1834 to 1875. 566 Vols. and Bundles. These continue the series known as Delegates' Processes and are the office copies of the proceedings in the courts of first instance.  
*Index*. 1 Vol. MS.

### Miscellanea.

1833 to 1866. 25 Vols. and Bundles. This class includes the following :—

DRAFT INSTRUMENTS, 1833 to 1853.

DRAFT JUDGMENTS, 1856 to 1858.

DRAFT MINUTES, 1833 to 1866.

ACCOUNTS, 1833 to 1863. Bills of costs, bill books, &c.

## RECORDS OF THE COURT OF BANKRUPTCY.

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By the Statute 34 & 35 Henry VIII, c. 4, the administration of the estates of bankrupts was delegated to certain official members of the Privy Council and the Chief Justice of either Bench or three of them at the least, of whom the Lord Chancellor or the Keeper of the Great Seal, the Lord Treasurer, the Lord President of the Council or the Lord Privy Seal was to be one.

This Statute was repealed by that of 13 Elizabeth, c. 7, whereby an entirely new method of procedure was instituted, the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper being empowered, upon complaint in writing against a bankrupt, to appoint Commissioners to take order with the person, estate and goods of such bankrupt.

Subject to various amending statutes this remained the governing principle of the Bankruptcy laws until the Statute 1 and 2 William IV, c. 56, which established a special Court of Bankruptcy with a Court of Review to have superintendence and control in all matters of bankruptcy, with appeal upon matters of law or equity to the Lord Chancellor or the House of Lords. In 1847, by Stat. 10 & 11 Vict., c. 102, the Court of Review was abolished and its jurisdiction transferred to one of the Vice-Chancellors of the Court of Chancery.

Since that date the law of bankruptcy has been subject to frequent amendment by statute but until the Judicature Act of 1873, when its jurisdiction was transferred to the new High Court of Justice, a central Court of Bankruptcy continued to exist in London, together with a certain number of district courts.

Bankruptcy cases are now heard in the High Court before one or more judges of the King's Bench Division especially assigned to sit in Bankruptcy. With the exception of the Order Books described below, which were transferred to the Public Record Office in 1915, the records of the proceedings in bankruptcy from the year 1710 to the present day are preserved in the Office of the Registrars in Bankruptcy.

### Order Books.

1710 to 1868. 211 Vols. These are entry books of the Orders made in bankruptcy and contain the Orders of the Lord Chancellor from 1710 to January, 1832, of the Court of Review from 1832 to 1847, of the Court of Bankruptcy and of the Vice-Chancellor from 1847 to 1861, and of the Orders made on Appeal by the Lord Chancellor or the Lords Justices from 1832 to 1868. With the exception of Vol. 1, each volume has an *Index* of names usually both of the bankrupts and of the petitioning creditors.

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## RECORDS OF THE PALATINATE OF CHESTER.

The Records of the County Palatine of Chester (which included the County of Flint, that county having from its first conquest been annexed to the Palatinate of Chester for its civil and criminal jurisdiction), were placed under the charge and superintendence of the Master of the Rolls by the Public Record Office Act of 1 & 2 Vict., c. 94, and in 1854 were transferred from Chester to the Public Record Office.

These records are of varied and ancient character. They consist of the financial, judicial and administrative records of the Exchequer of Chester and of the common law records of the ancient Sessions of the county.

The constitution of the Court of Exchequer was somewhat peculiar, and is fully described in Mr. Black's able Report on the Records of Wales and Chester, printed in the Deputy Keeper's First Report. It is therein stated that the Exchequer of Chester was coeval with the existence of the County Palatine, and though principally a *Court of Revenue*, was probably a *Court of Justice* also, before that of the Justiciary was established. Hence, not only were all accounts rendered into it, and process issued thence against the King's debtors within the limits of its jurisdiction, but it was the *Chancery Court* of the Palatinate, and had an exclusive jurisdiction in Equity as fully as the Chancery of England. It possessed also a jurisdiction at Common Law in matters of debt, even for small sums, in the nature of a *Court of Conscience*, and had a peculiar practice of granting writs of protection to poor debtors.

The chief officer of this Court was the Chamberlain of Chester, who had all the powers of a Chancellor, and exercised his judicial functions by a deputy, called the Vice-Chamberlain.

There was also a Baron of the Exchequer, whose business resembled that of a Master in Chancery; but, by the constitution of the Court, the custody of the Records was vested in a third officer called the Seal Keeper, whose duty it was to have the custody of the Seal of the County Palatine and to seal all writs and processes issuing out of the Baron's Office.

Pleas of the Crown and at Common Law within the Palatinate were heard and determined from ancient times at the Sessions of the county by the Justice of Chester, who had also the power of going on a circuit once in seven years.\* The chief officer of the Court of Sessions was the Prothonotary, who was also the Clerk of the Crown. He held, too, the same offices within the county of Flint, and although by the Statute of 34 & 35 Henry VIII, which established the Courts of Great Sessions in Wales and added the two recently formed counties of Denbigh and Montgomery to the jurisdiction of the Justice of Chester, it was provided that there should be a common prothonotary for these two counties and Flintshire, yet the ancient usage persisted until the abolition of the Welsh Courts, with the result that the records of Flintshire were always preserved at Chester. These records were, however, with a few exceptions, kept distinct from those of the county of Chester, and those subsequent to the passing of the Act of 1543 are now regarded as theoretically belonging to the courts of the Principality of Wales.†

\* Coke, *Institutes*, IV, cap. 37.

† See the Introduction to the List of the Palatinate records (P.R.O. Lists and Indexes, No. XL).



An Alphabetical List of Officers of the Palatinate of Chester in the counties of Chester and Flint and North Wales from the earliest period to the extinction of the Welsh Judicature, with the dates of appointment and references to the Records, is printed in the Appendix to the Deputy Keeper's 31st Report, pp. 169-261.

Lists of the records of the Palatinate of Chester now preserved in the Public Record Office have been printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XL (1914). In addition to the classes described below, the following classes amongst the **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS** contain records belonging to the Palatinate formerly preserved at Chester, namely :—

**Ministers' Accounts,**

**Court Rolls,**

**Rentals and Surveys,**

and a few Accounts in the series of **Accounts Various** described above (pp. 78 et seq.) amongst the records of the Exchequer.

## **I.—JUDICIAL RECORDS : (A) EXCHEQUER.**

### **Appearance Rolls.**

Henry VIII to Charles I. 12 Bundles. Entries of the appearances before the Chamberlain at Chester and Flint.

### **Bankruptcy, Papers in.**

1760 to 1830. 4 Bundles. Unarranged.

### **Certiorari, Returns to Writs of.**

38 Hen. VI to 20 Chas. II. 37 Rolls. These consist of a few Traverses of Inquisitions post mortem and of Pleas at the Great Sessions, &c., returned into the Exchequer upon Writs of Certiorari.

*Inventory.* Report XXI, App., pp. 44-46.

### **Decrees and Orders :**

**Original or Draft.** 1559 to 1790. 78 Bundles.

**Entry Books of, &c.** 7 Eliz. to 10 Geo. IV. 81 Vols. This class consist of the following :

Entry Books of Decrees and Orders. 7 Eliz. to 19 Geo. II.

Do. (on Confessions). 5 Eliz. to 7 Will. III. These are in actions of debt.

Minute Books of Decrees and Orders. 32 Eliz. to 49 Geo. III.

Rule Books. 13 Eliz. to 10 Geo. IV.

### **Papers in Causes.**

1501 to 1830. 15 Bundles. These are only arranged roughly by centuries. They are of very miscellaneous character, and include, in addition to draft pleadings, decrees, orders, depositions and other equity proceedings, correspondence of the sheriff and under-sheriffs, bonds of officers to the sheriff, replevin bonds, proceedings at the Sessions and Assizes, &c.

**I.—JUDICIAL RECORDS : (A) EXCHEQUER—(continued).****Pentice, Portmote and Crownmote Courts, Transcripts of Proceedings in.**

5 Edw. VI to 2 Geo. III. 40 Rolls. These consist of such proceedings in the said Courts as were returned into the Exchequer on Writs of Certiorari. The Pentice Court was held before the sheriffs of Chester for the trial of personal actions within the city. In the Crownmote and Portmote Courts the Mayor, assisted by the Recorder, tried all criminals except traitors and determined civil actions.

**Pleadings.**

Hen. VIII to Geo. IV. 181 Bundles. This series comprises those Bills, Answers, Depositions, and other proceedings in equity in the Exchequer of Chester which related to real property and were drawn up on parchment.

*Calendar and Index.* Hen. VIII to Phil. and Mary. Report XXV, App., pp. 23-31.

*Index.* 1 to 60 Geo. III. 1 Vol. MS.

**Pleadings (Paper).**

1559 to 1762. 139 Bundles. These are concerned with debts and personal property only.

**Seal Books, &c.**

40 Eliz. to 18 Chas. II. 8 Vols. The first six of these are day-books of fees received for the sealing of writs. Nos. 7 and 8 are day-books of court fees for filing proceedings, office copies, &c.

**I.—JUDICIAL RECORDS : (B) COMMON LAW.****Calendar Rolls.**

Edw. III to Hen. VIII. 11 Rolls. These contain the names of the persons indicted before the justices at Chester, Flint and Macclesfield.

**Crown Books.**

Hen. VIII to Will. IV. 8 Vols. These books include both Chester and Flint and contain notes or Memoranda of the Indictments, Presentments, Orders, and Sentences in Crown Causes. Lists of Welsh Recusants will be found in them.

**Essoin Rolls.**

16 Edw. III to 22 Hen. VII. 9 Rolls. Essoins of the county of Chester taken before the Justice of Chester.

**Eyre Rolls.**

35 Edw. I to 15 Hen. VII. 15 Rolls. Pleas before the Justice of Chester on his eyre in the counties of Chester and Flint and the hundred of Macclesfield. Included amongst them are some pleas of the forest of Macclesfield, 13 to 18 Edw. I.

(See Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910, pp. 129, 130.)

**I.—JUDICIAL RECORDS : (B) COMMON LAW—(continued).****Fines and Recoveries.**

9 Edw. I to 1 Will. IV. 658 Files. These are files or bundles containing the original Writs, Concords, and frequently the Feet of the Fines and the Precipes and Warrants of Attorney for Recoveries.

*Calendar.* Edw. I. *Printed.* Report XXVIII, App., pp. 6–19.

*Docket Books of Fines and Recoveries.* 1 Henry VIII to 1 Will. IV. 10 Vols. MS.

**Fines and Recoveries, Enrolments of.**

28 Eliz. to Anne. 8 Rolls. The dates given are those of enrolment, but the records belong occasionally to earlier reigns.

**Forest Proceedings.**

55 Hen. III to 18 Hen. VII. 9 Rolls. These contain Pleas of the Forest, Charters, and other proceedings relating to the Forests of Macclesfield, Delamere, Wirrall, Rudheath, and Overmarsh.

**Gaol Files, Writs, &c.**

Chester. 15 Edw. III to 1 Will. IV. 236 Bundles.

Flint. 3 Edw. III to 33 Hen. VIII. 35 Bundles.

This class consists of the records formerly known as *Brevia*, the sessional files, which anciently included all manner of documents filed with the prothonotary and clerk of the crown both in civil and criminal cases. Subsequent to the statute of 34 and 35 Hen. VIII the criminal filings were separated and were formerly known as *Manucaptiones* or 'Mainprise Files' from the records of bails which they contain. They contain also presentments, coroners' inquisitions and indictments with jury panels, &c. The Gaol Files and Writs for Flintshire subsequent to the same statute are now described amongst the records of the Principality of Wales. The Writs of the Palatinate, with the exception of a few specially selected, have in accordance with a Schedule laid before Parliament in 1909 been transferred to the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth.

**Indictment Rolls.**

22 Edw. I to 12 Hen. VII. 30 Rolls. These Rolls contain Indictments, Presentments, and Inquisitions before the Justices of Chester at Chester, and in their Eyres at Macclesfield and Flint; and before Justices appointed by Special Commission, Sheriffs in their Tourns, and the Coroners.

(See Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910, pp. 130, 131.)

**Mainprise Rolls.**

Chester. 18 Edw. III to Hen. VIII. 20 Rolls.

Macclesfield. 49 Edw. III to 20 Ric. II. 3 Rolls.

Flint. 10 Ric. II to Hen. VIII. 4 Rolls.

Entries of bails before the Justices of Chester at Chester and in their eyres.



**I.—JUDICIAL RECORDS : (B) COMMON LAW—(continued).****Outlawry Rolls.**

Edw. IV. and Edw. V. 2 Rolls. Names of those outlawed in the county of Chester, occasionally with notes as to the nature of the offences committed.

**Plea Rolls :**

**Chester.** 44 Hen. III to 1 Will. IV. 857 Rolls. These contain enrolments of pleas in civil actions before the Justice of Chester and in early times of pleas of the crown; of the patents of judges, King's attorneys and prothonotaries; of deeds and other documents ordered to be enrolled; and of all fines and recoveries.

*Calendar of Deeds, Inquisitions, and Writs of Dower* enrolled on the Chester Plea Rolls. Hen. III. to Hen. VIII. Printed in Reports XXVI to XXX.

*Docket Roll.* 32–38 Hen. VIII.

*Docket Books.* 1 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. These relate to Fines and Recoveries only.

**Flint.** 12 Edw. I to 1 Will. IV. 594 Rolls. From No. 46 (36 Hen. VIII) onwards these rolls are now regarded as belonging to the records of the courts of the Principality of Wales, but they have been numbered in continuation of the earlier rolls, the whole series as already explained having been originally preserved at Chester.

*Docket Rolls.* 15 Jas. I to 9 Will. III. 16 Rolls. (For lists of the Chester and Flint Plea Rolls see Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910, pp. 86–94.)

**Prothonotary's Papers.**

26 Hen. VIII to 1659. 15 Bundles. These contain the original files of draft pleas and papers connected with the business of the sessions. There are a few transcripts of proceedings at the Pentice and Portmote courts returned on writs of error.

**Quo Warranto Rolls.**

Edw. III and Hen. VII. 6 Rolls. No. 3 is a roll of original writs of *quo warranto*. Nos. 5 and 6 are paper Rolls, containing recitals of the liberties and privileges of the monasteries of Vale Royal and St. Werburgh, in the form of pleadings on Writs of Quo Warranto. They are apparently drafts.

(See Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910, p. 130.)

**Rule Books, &c.**

1 Eliz. to 1 Will. IV. 30 Vols. These are the Rule and Minute Books of the prothonotary. The Minute Books which date only from the reign of George II contain notes of both crown and civil causes. A few of the volumes contain entries relating to Flint.

**I.—JUDICIAL RECORDS : (B) COMMON LAW—(continued).****Sheriffs' Tourn Rolls.**

Chester. Edw. III to Hen. VIII. 7 Rolls.

Flint. 16 Edw. III to 1 Hen. IV. 1 Roll.

These rolls contain Indictments, Presentments, &c., similar to those found on the Indictment Rolls.

**Warrants of Attorney Rolls.**

17 Edw. III to 31 Hen. VIII. 10 Rolls. Attornations of the county of Chester before the justices at Chester. The Warrants of Attorney are generally enrolled on the Plea Rolls. These few rolls, however, form a distinct series of enrolments.

**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL.****Attorneys.**

1697 to 1830. 2 Bundles and 1 Vol. This class consists of the Admission Rolls of Attorneys and Solicitors in the Exchequer at Chester (1750 to 1806) and at the Sessions (1697 to 1830), of Oath Rolls (1729 to 1800), Articles of Clerkship and Affidavits of due execution thereof, &c.

**Coroners' Inquisitions.**

Edw. III to 14 Vict. 45 Files. These are the original inquisitions, with the signatures and seals of the jurors.

**Deeds.**

*Series F.* This class has been mainly constituted from the records of the Palatinate of Chester, but certain of the documents in it have come from the various repositories of the Principality of Wales (*see* below). The class is thus subdivided :

Ancient Deeds (to the end of the reign of Elizabeth).

F : Packed in envelopes.

FF : Deeds too large to be thus treated.

Modern Deeds (James I and later reigns).

Bundles 1 to 4 belong to the Palatinate.

**Enrolments.**

1 Edw. II to 1 Will. IV. 339 Rolls. These rolls contain the enrolments of Charters, Letters Patent, Fines, Deeds, Wills, and other important matters relating to the Palatinate. They were formerly known as 'Recognizance Rolls' because the recognizances for debt are generally entered on the first membrane.

*Alphabetical Catalogue.* Printed in Reports XXXVI, XXXVII and XXXIX.

**Inquisitions post mortem.**

Edw. I to Chas. I. 106 Files. (CHESTER AND FLINT.) This series contains Inquisitions post mortem, Inquisitions ad quod damnum, Inquisitions as to Lunatics, Idiots, and Right of Way ; Proofs of Age ; Assignments of Dower ; Extents ; Writs of Livery, &c.

**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL—**(continued).**Inquisitions post mortem—**(continued).

*Index.* Report XXV, App., pp. 32-60 (persons and places); and for Hen. VIII to Chas. I only (persons) printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XXXIII (1909), pp. 381-395.

*Calendar.* Edw. III to Hen. VII. 1 Vol. MS. (arranged chronologically with Indexes of Persons and Places).

**Miscellanea.**

4 Edward II to 1830. 48 Vols. and Bundles. Legal and other records of the Court of Exchequer and of the Court of Sessions, amongst them the following:—

APPEARANCE, BAIL, PRECEDENT BOOKS, &c., Eliz. to Geo. IV.

SUMMONSES OF THE EXCHEQUER, Edw. III to Hen. VIII.

SEQUESTRATIONS, Jas. I to Chas. II.

FINES AND AMERCEMENTS, Edw. II to Rich. II.

SIGNIFICATIONS OF EXCOMMUNICATION, 1378 to 1690.

CLAIMS TO LIBERTIES AND PRIVILEGES, temp. Hen. VII (1 Roll).

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

ENCLOSURE AWARDS, Cuddington (1767) and Frodsham (1780).

Together with accounts, copies of inquisitions, proceedings, &c., papers in causes, and miscellaneous documents of various dates.

**Sacrament Certificates.**

1673 to 1768. 5 Bundles. Unarranged.

**Warrants, &c.**

Edw. III to Chas. I. 5 Bundles. Privy Seals, Signed Bills and Warrants, Writs of Livery, &c.

PRIVY SEALS, SIGNED BILLS AND WARRANTS. (CHESTER AND FLINT.) Hen. VII and Hen. VIII. (*Bundle 2.*)

*Alphabetical Calendar.* Report XXVI, App., pp. 16-31.

GENERAL LIVERIES, &c., WARRANTS FOR (CHESTER). Eliz. to Chas. I. (*Bundle 4.*)

*Alphabetical Calendar.* Report XXVI, App., pp. 32-35.



## RECORDS OF THE PALATINATE OF DURHAM.

The Palatinate of Durham, which was the oldest of the great exempt jurisdictions in the kingdom and though shorn of most of its ancient privileges still survives, appears to owe its existence to prescriptive right. No charter of its creation is extant and none was probably ever granted. Its judicial institutions, modelled on those of the Kingdom, yet immune from them, were of gradual growth, developing chiefly during the thirteenth century, at the end of which the term 'Palatinus' is first found applied to the Bishop of Durham.\*

Thence onward it was contended in the royal courts that the Bishop was as king in Durham. In theory, within the limits of his diocese, he exercised, conjointly with his ecclesiastical functions, all the temporal rights which belong to a lord palatine. 'He had his Courts of Chancery, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, possessing the same powers in the Palatinate as the Sovereign's courts had in other parts of the Realm. He had power to levy taxes for the defence and service of the Palatinate, to make truce with his enemies, to raise troops and impress ships in time of war. He sat in judgment of life and death, and could inflict capital punishment. He had power to create Palatinate barons, to summon them to his councils, and to confiscate their lands in case of treason. He possessed all manner of royal jurisdictions and rights; could coin money, grant licences to erect castles, build churches, found charities and hospitals, create corporations, and grant markets and fairs. Every source of profit and every post of honour or service was at his disposal, with which the Sovereign could not interfere, nor were royal writs allowed to run in the Palatinate without the Bishop's sanction.'

In practice, however, the powers of the palatine courts were limited by the supremacy of the royal prerogative. 'If the Bishop of Durham was a sovereign, he was an elective one, in whose choice the will of the King, exercised either independently or through pressure on the Pope, was the determinant. Moreover, the interregna, during which this sovereign state was in the hands of the King, were frequent and sometimes long; and, further, as prelate and baron the Bishop was subordinate to the King.'† The judgment of the Bishop's courts was not final, as appeal lay from it to the Court of King's Bench.‡

In 1536 the Act 'for recontinuing of certain liberties and franchises heretofore taken from the Crown' (27 Hen. VIII, c. 24) deprived the Bishop of much of his powers as lord palatine within the county. The judicial supremacy of the Palatinate was transferred to the King. The Bishop was no longer to enjoy his privileges of pardoning offences and of appointing his judicial officers, and henceforward all writs within the bishopric were to run in the King's name. The organisation of the special courts of the Palatinate was, however, left untouched.

The palatine jurisdiction of the county of Durham was finally separated from the bishopric in 1836 by Stat. 6 & 7 Will. IV, c. 19, whereby it was vested in the Crown 'to be exercised and enjoyed by His Majesty as a separate Franchise and Royalty.'

\* See the monograph on *The County Palatine of Durham*, by G. T. Lapsley, Ph.D. (Harvard Historical Studies, Vol. VIII, 1900).

† Lapsley, *op. cit.*, p. 76.

‡ Coke, *Institutes* IV, c. 38.

Under the Judicature Act of 1873 the Court of Pleas at Durham was abolished as a distinct court and transferred to the High Court of Justice. The Chancery Court still survives and is now regulated by the Palatine Court of Durham Act, 1889 (Stat. 52 & 53 Vict., c. 47).

The Records of the Palatinate of Durham, with the exception of a few of modern date, which were left behind to facilitate the transaction of current business, were removed to London and placed in the Public Record Office, pursuant to a warrant of the Master of the Rolls, dated 17 November, 1868.

They consist of the following :—

I. The Chancery Records. These include :—

(a) The Cursitor's Records, comprising the Chancery Enrolments of the Bishopric, the Inquisitions post mortem, Registers, &c., and the Halmote Books or Records of the Halmote Courts, which were formerly held pursuant to the Bishop's Commission to receive surrenders of copyhold lands, and to admit such persons as had right thereto, according to the custom, to assess and settle all such fines and amercedments as arose within the said Courts, and to hear and determine all suits, complaints, debates, contentions, &c., between party and party which arose within the said County or elsewhere within the County Palatinate of Durham.

(b) The Registrar's Records, consisting of the Bills, Answers, and other proceedings in the Court of Chancery at Durham.

II. The Prothonotary's Records, comprising the Judicial Proceedings of the Court of Pleas at Durham.

III. The Clerk of the Crown's Records, which consist of the Indictments, Depositions, and other proceedings at Assizes.

IV. The Auditor's Records, consisting of the Receiver's Rolls, Rentals, and counterparts of Leases relating to the estates of the Bishopric. These, being claimed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners as their private muniments and necessary for the management of the estates placed under their control by Act of Parliament, were, with the exception of a bundle of ancient Sheriffs' Accounts and other documents of a miscellaneous nature, re-transferred to their custody in 1876.

In accordance with a Schedule laid before Parliament in 1912 some of the records of the Palatinate not deemed of sufficient value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office have been transferred to the Public Library of the County Borough of Gateshead, and others have been destroyed.

Lists of the records of the Palatinate of Durham now preserved in the Public Record Office have been printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XL (1914). In addition to the records described below five documents which came from Durham are included in the class of **Rentals and Surveys**.

## **I.—CHANCERY RECORDS.**

### **Affidavits.**

1657 to 1812. 7 Bundles.

### **Bills, Answers, &c.**

1576 to 1840. 144 Bundles. These are the bills, answers, replications, rejoinders and other pleadings in equity.

*Index.* 1798. 1 Vol. MS.

**I.—CHANCERY RECORDS**—(continued).**Cursitor's Records.**

1311 to 1865. 218 Vols., Bundles, &c., as follows :—

Nos.

- I. **KELLAWE'S REGISTER.** This volume is a record of all the Acts and Proceedings of the Palatinate, whether relating to ecclesiastical or temporal matters during the Pontificate of Richard de Kellawe, Bishop of Durham, from A.D. 1311 to A.D. 1316. A brief description of this Register, with an Index of Persons and Places, is printed in Report XXX, App., pp. 99–120, and the Register has been published in the Series of 'Chronicles and Memorials,' in 4 Vols. 4to, edited by Sir Thos. Duffus Hardy.
- 2–6. **ABSTRACTS AND REGISTERS OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM.** References to the inquisitions in these volumes of a later date than 1438 are given in the Calendar printed in Report XLIV, App., pp. 310–542, and those of the reign of Henry VIII and later are included in the *Index nominum* in Appendix II of Lists and Indexes, No. XXXIII (1909). Other means of reference to these volumes are noted below.
  2. Abstracts or Transcripts of Inquisitions post mortem during the Pontificates of Bishops Beaumont, Bury, Hatfield, Fordham, Skirlawe, Langley, and Nevill. 1318 to 1442. 1 Vol., containing 314 leaves.  
*Calendar.* Report XLV, App. I, pp. 153–282.  
*Index locorum.* MS. in Durham Prothonotary's Indexes, No. 1.
  3. *Abstracts of Inquisitions post mortem, Proofs of Age, and Assignments of Dower.* Temp. Bishop Ruthall. 1509 to 1523. A manuscript of 63 pages.  
*Index Nominum* at the end of the volume.
  4. *Abstracts of Inquisitions post mortem, &c.* Temp. Bishops Bothe and Dudley. 1457 to 1483. A manuscript of 93 folios.  
*Index Nominum* at the end of the volume.
  5. *Abstracts of Inquisitions post mortem*, from the Pontificate of Bishop Beaumont (1318) to the reign of James I. Arranged *alphabetically* according to places. Imperfect, ending with the letter S. A manuscript of 363 leaves.
  6. Transcripts of Inquisitions post mortem. 1561 to 1567. Imperfect. A manuscript of 64 pages.
7. **EXTENTS, &c.** James I. A manuscript book of a miscellaneous character, consisting of 568 pages, and containing (*inter alia*) extents of lands in the hands of the Bishop taken by virtue of Writs of *diem clausit extremum*, of *mandamus*, of *scire facias*, *extendi facias*, &c., for intrusions into or alienation of lands and tenements without licence.



**I.—CHANCERY RECORDS—**(continued).**Cursitor's Records—**(continued).

- Nos.  
 8 & 9. REGISTERS OF RECOGNISANCES. Hen. VII and Hen. VIII.  
 10. MEMORANDA OF LEASES GRANTED. Hen. VII.  
 11. NOTES OF APPEARANCES OF FREEHOLDERS. Hen. VII.  
 12-28. HALMOTE COURT BOOKS. From the Pontificate of Bishop

Hatfield to that of Bishop Neil. 1349 to 1619. 17 Vols.

The Halmote Courts were held pursuant to the Bishop's Commission under the Great Seal of the Palatinate before the Escheator of the Palatinate and other persons thereto appointed, to receive surrenders of copyhold lands, and to admit such persons as had a right thereto according to the custom; to assess and settle all such fines and amercements as arose within the said Courts and to hear and determine all suits, complaints, &c., between party and party which arose within the said county or elsewhere within the Palatinate of Durham.

A detailed description of the Halmote Court Books is given in Lists and Indexes, No. VI (1896).

*Indexes.* 1523 to 1587. (Prothonotary's Indexes, No. 1.) This is an ancient index containing (*inter alia*) complete indexes to the Halmote Court Books of:—

- (1) Bishop Wolsey. 1523 to 1529.
- (2) Bishop Tunstall. 1530 to 1559.
- (3) *Sede Vacante.* 1559 to 1576.
- (4) Bishop Barnes. 1577 to 1587.

- 29-134. CHANCERY ENROLMENTS. From the Pontificate of Bishop Bury to that of Bishop Maltby. 1333 to 1836. These rolls contain enrolments of the recognizances of debts in the Chancery of Durham, of Letters Patent, Charters, Pleas and Processes, Commissions, Pardons, Grants of Wardship and other Grants, Licences to Alienate, Inquisitions, Private Deeds, Leases, Releases, and other documents of a similar nature.

*Calendars* of these rolls from the commencement to the reign of James I have been printed as follows:—

Report XXXI, App. I, pp. 42-168. Bps. Bury and Hatfield (1333-1366).

Report XXXII, App. I, pp. 265-330. Bps. Hatfield and Fordham (1366-1388).

Report XXXIII, App. I, pp. 43-210. Bps. Skirlaw and Langley (1388-1437).

Report XXXIV, App. I, pp. 163-164. Bp. Nevill (1438-1457).

Report XXXV, App. I, pp. 76-156. Bps. Bothe and Dudley (1457-1483).

Report XXXVI, App. I, pp. 1-160. Bps. Sherwood, Fox, Severs, Bainbridge, Ruthall, and Wolsey (1485-1529).

Report XXXVII, App. I, pp. 1-171. Bps. Tunstall, Barnes, Hutton, and Matthew (1530-1606).

Report XL, pp. 480-520. Bp. James (1606-1617).

**I.—CHANCERY RECORDS—**(continued).

**Cursitor's Records—**(continued).

Nos.

135-140. COURT ROLLS, namely :—

135. Halmote Court Roll, 4-5 Rich. II.

136-140. Evenwood, 7 Hen. IV-5 Hen. VII. These are described in detail in Lists and Indexes, No. VI (1896).

141 &amp; 142. COMMISSIONS AND SURRENDERS OF COPYHOLD LANDS. Eliz.-Chas. I.

143. CORONER'S INQUISITIONS. James I.

144. RECOGNISANCES. Eliz.-Geo. III.

145. WARRANT for the issue of Letters Patent appointing Sir Thomas Lumley Warden of Weardale, &amp;c. 1376.

146. LICENCE for a grant to the hospital of Kepier. 1331.

147. INDENTURES between Bishop Hatfield and others. Hen. VII.

148. ENROLMENTS of an indenture between Sir Robert Brandling and others. 6 Edw. VI.

149-152. RETURNS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. 1733-1865. 4 Bundles.

153 &amp; 154. LETTERS PATENT of Bishops Ruthall, Neill and Morton. 16th and 17th cents.

155 &amp; 156. DEEDS ENROLLED in the Chancery of Durham. Philip and Mary and Eliz. 2 Bundles.

157 &amp; 158. EXTENTS, namely :—

157. Extents for alienation without licence. Eliz.-Chas. I.

158. Extents under Writs of *diem clausit extremum*. Chas. I.

159. PROCEEDINGS on writs of *amoveas manus*. 1817.

160-162. WRITS AND INQUISITIONS FOR DEBT, &amp;c. James I—1815.

163. INQUISITIONS AD QUOD DAMNUM. Geo. II and Geo. III.

164-193. INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM, &amp;c. (ORIGINAL). Pontificate of Robert Nevill (1438-1457) to Chas. I.

*Calendar*. Report XLIV, App., pp. 310-542.

*Index Nominum*. Hen. VIII to Chas. I. Lists and Indexes, No. XXXIII, App. II.

*Do*. Additional Inquisitions transferred to the Public Record Office in 1911. Lists and Indexes, No. XL, pp. 32-35.

194. CORONERS' PAPERS. 1819-1828.

195. ESTREATS OF FINES AT QUARTER SESSIONS, Transcripts of. Geo. II and Geo. III.

196. DEPUTY CURSITOR, Entry book of fees received by. 1753-1832.

197. FIATS for Writs. Jas. I.

198. FIATS for commissions to take affidavits. 1780-1815.

**I.—CHANCERY RECORDS**—(continued).**Cursitor's Records**—(continued).

Nos.

- 199-201. LAND TAX SCHEDULES, copies of (with names). 1812-1813 and 1823-1824.
202. MISCELLANEOUS FILE, Letters Close, Inquisitions *ad quod damnum*, &c. Bishop Hatfield and later.
203. DURHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY, Minutes of. 1802-1803.
204. SIDE BAR RULES. 1809-1828.
205. SIGNIFICAVITS. 1614-1765. These are Certificates from the Ecclesiastical Courts for the issuing of Writs 'de excommunicato capiendo.'
206. A miscellaneous bundle containing the following :—  
 (1) Warrants and Grants, c. 1340-1450.  
 (2) Notarial Instrument as to the rights of John de Burneby, prior of Durham, 1457.  
 (3) Drafts and copies of legal proceedings, Jas. I—Chas. II.  
 (4) Process against Recusants, 1624.  
 (5) Agreement between shipowners and sailors as to rates of wages to be paid on ships sailing from Sunderland, 1785.  
 (6) Draft Ordinance of Bishop Langley as to the Collegiate Church of Durham, 1428.
207. MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS mostly addressed to John Hobson, solicitor, Durham. 1813-1828.
- 208-215. ACCOUNT BOOKS, as follows :—  
 208-212. Agency accounts, 1763-1811.  
 213-214. Accounts of fees, 1784-1797.  
 215. Expenses at the General Election, April, 1761 (1761-1766).
216. SHERIFFS' OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE. Geo. III—Will. IV.
- 217 & 218. ATTORNEYS, namely :—  
 217. Oath Roll, 1730-1837.  
 218. Admissions, 1660-1723.

**Decrees and Orders, Entry Books of.**

1633 to 1850. 7 Vols. Several of these have an *Index* appended. The many Enclosure Awards for the county of Durham entered in them are included in the general MS. list of such awards preserved in the Public Record Office.

**Decrees, Orders and Reports (Original).**

1613 to 1778. 137 Bundles.

*Minute Book of Decrees and Orders.* 1720-1721. 1 Vol. MS.

**Do. (Drafts).**

1755 to 1829. 6 Bundles.

**Interrogatories and Depositions.**

1560 to 1804. 95 Bundles.



# I.—CHANCERY RECORDS—(continued).

## Miscellanea.

Hen. VIII to Victoria. 83 Bundles. This class consists of a number of miscellaneous documents formerly in the offices of the Cursitor and Registrar, amongst which the following may be noted :—

ACCOUNTS. 1716-1770. Private account books of the Registrar and others, drafts, vouchers, &c.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR'S BOOKS. 1733-1777.

PAPERS IN CAUSES. 1620-1801. The list of the causes to which these belong is printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XL, pp. 40-41.

ALEHOUSE RECOGNISANCES. 1583.

SELECTED WRITS. Geo. II-Vict.

# II.—PROTHONOTARY'S RECORDS.

## Affidavits of Attorneys' Clerks.

1750 to 1834. 3 Bundles. Affidavits of the execution of articles of clerkship, of due service of the same and the like.

*Index to Attorneys' Certificates.* 1785 to 1842. A volume containing the names and addresses of persons enrolled Attorneys in the Court of Pleas at Durham, registered pursuant to Stat. 25 Geo. III.

## Declarations, &c.

19 Chas. I to 16 Vict. 186 Bundles. These are the original files of the declarations in ejectment, draft judgments and pleadings in the Court of Pleas.

*Index.* 13 Chas. II to 14 Geo. III. 6 Vols. MS.

## Fines, Concords of.

1661 to 1834. 44 Bundles.

## Fines, Feet of.

1535 to 1834. 49 Bundles.

*Index locorum.* Various dates to 31 Eliz. (Prothonotary's Indexes, No. I.)

## Judgment Rolls.

18 Edw. III to 8 Vict. 305 Rolls. In addition to the pleas these rolls contain the recoveries suffered and the deeds enrolled in the Court of Pleas at Durham. A list of the rolls from 20 Hen. VII is printed in Lists and Indexes, No. IV (1910) at p. 78, and a further list of 85 additional rolls dating between 18 Edw. III and the Commonwealth period subsequently transferred to the Public Record Office is in Lists and Indexes, No. XL at pp. 47, 48.

*Index to Judgments.* 24 Chas. II to 1728. 2 Vols. MS.

## II.—PROTHONOTARY'S RECORDS—(continued).

### Miscellanea.

James I to Victoria. 45 Bundles. This class consists of the following records :—

APPEARANCES TO EJECTMENTS. 4 Anne to 4 Geo. I.  
COGNOVITS AND WARRANTS OF ATTORNEY. 8 Geo. IV to 16 Vict.  
DOCKETS, &c. Geo. II to Will. IV.  
POSTEAS. 1751 to 1865.  
PROTHONOTARY'S PAPERS. Will. and Mary to Vict.  
VENIRE PAPERS AND JURY PANELS. Jas. I to Will. IV.  
SELECTED WRITS. Geo. III to Vict.

## III.—CLERK OF THE CROWN'S RECORDS.

### Crown Books.

1753 to 1876. 7 Vols. These contain full entries of the proceedings at the Assizes, with the names of the jurors, copies of the indictments with the pleas thereto, the verdicts and the orders and judgments. They are unindexed.

### Depositions.

1843 to 1876. 2 Bundles.

### Indictments.

1582 to 1877. 197 Bundles.

### Minute Books.

1770 to 1876. 10 Vols. These contain the names of the jurors and rough minutes of the indictments and proceedings at the Assizes.

### Miscellanea.

1471 to 1815. 4 Bundles, containing :—  
ROLLS OF PRESENTMENTS. 1471 to 1472 and 1646 to 1648.  
NOMINA MINISTRORUM AND JURY PANELS. 1702 to 1738.  
RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS AT ASSIZES. 1668 to 1775.  
MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. 1757 to 1815.  
ASSIZE WINE BOOK. 1771 to 1776.

## IV.—AUDITOR'S RECORDS.

### Auditor's Records.

Edward III to George III. 130 Bundles, containing :—  
SHERIFFS' ACCOUNTS. 1335 to 1624.  
ESCHEATORS' ACCOUNTS. 1488 to 1562.  
ESTREATS. 1577 to 1774. Chiefly of the Halmote Court.  
AUDITOR'S VOUCHERS. 1401 to 1798.  
MISCELLANEA. c. 1450 to Geo. III. 2 Bundles.

### Deeds.

*Series G.* 9 Bundles. A small collection of Indentures, &c., formed from various classes of the Palatinate records. With few exceptions the deeds are all of the seventeenth and later centuries.

## RECORDS OF THE PALATINATE OF LANCASTER.

The County of Lancaster was erected into a Palatinate by Edward the Third in the year 1351, when he created Henry *Earl* of Lancaster *Duke* of Lancaster, and granted to him, for the term of his life, Palatinate rights within the said county.

By this charter power was given to him to have his Court of Chancery and to appoint Justices to hold Pleas of the Crown and other Pleas touching the Common Law, with all other liberties and 'jura regalia' pertaining to a County Palatine. On his death, in 1361, the Palatinate was extinguished for about 16 years, but in 1377 it was revived in the person of John of Gaunt, who had married the sole surviving heiress of the first Duke of Lancaster, and who had conferred upon him for life 'jura regalia' within the County Palatine, co-extensive with those of the King elsewhere. By the Acts of 1 Hen. IV and 2 Hen. V these 'jura regalia' were extended to all the possessions which had been annexed to the Duchy.

Under the term 'Jura Regalia' the Duke of Lancaster had the exclusive administration of justice by his courts of equity and common law in the Duchy and Palatinate of Lancaster.

These courts (closely analogous in their construction and practice to the King's superior courts) consist of a Court of Chancery, a Court of Common Pleas for the decision of civil suits, and a Court of Criminal Jurisdiction.

By the operation of the Judicature Act of 36 and 37 Vict. the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster has been transferred to the High Court of Justice. The Court of Criminal Jurisdiction in no way differs from that of the ordinary court.

The Records of these courts were, until their removal to London, in the charge of three several persons in Lancashire, and, except a few of modern date which had been removed to Preston for the convenience of the current business, were preserved in Lancaster Castle.

The Clerk of the Crown had the custody of the criminal proceedings of the Palatinate, the Prothonotary had charge of the Records of the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster, whilst the Records of the Chancery of the County Palatine were in the custody of the Registrar of that Court.

Lists of the records of the Palatinate of Lancaster now preserved in the Public Record Office are printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XL (1914).

### I.—CHANCERY RECORDS : (A) ADMINISTRATIVE.

#### Close Rolls.

No. 1. 11-14 Hen. IV.

No. 2. 31-36 Hen. VI.

No. 3. 1-9 Edw. IV.

Enrolments of letters patent, writs and warrants, fines paid for the issue of writs, recognizances, letters of attorney, deeds, &c. Other rolls in the series are now amongst the Chancery Rolls of the Duchy of Lancaster.

*Calendar.* Report XXXVII, App., pp. 172-179.



**I.—CHANCERY RECORDS: (A) ADMINISTRATIVE—(continued).**

**Inquisitions post mortem.**

Henry IV to Henry VIII. 1 Bundle.

*Calendar.* Report XXXIX, App., pp. 532-549. This is a calendar of Lancashire inquisitions post mortem from Richard II to Elizabeth, mainly compiled from Towneley's abstracts printed by the Chetham Society (2 Vols. 1875, 1876), with references to such originals as are extant amongst the Palatinate records.

**Lunacy Inquisitions.**

Charles II to William IV. 1 Bundle.

**Patent Rolls.**

- No. 1. 5-11 John D. of Lanc. (4-10 Ric. II).
- No. 2. John D. of Lanc. and Hen. IV (fragments).
- No. 3. 1-7 Hen. IV.
- No. 4. 11-13 Hen. VI.
- No. 5. 14-18 „
- No. 6. 20-22 „
- No. 7. 23-28 „
- No. 8. 1-5 Hen. VII.
- No. 9. 17-20 „
- No. 10. 21 „

*Calendar.* Report XL, App., pp. 521-545.

**Privy Seals and Warrants.**

Richard II to Henry VII. 3 Bundles.

*Calendar.* Richard II. Report XLIII, App. I, pp. 363-370.

**II.—CHANCERY RECORDS: (B) PROCEEDINGS IN EQUITY.**

**Affidavits.**

ENTRIES OF AFFIDAVITS. 1610 to 1678. 4 Vols.

AFFIDAVITS. 1793 to 1836. 9 Bundles.

**Decrees and Orders, Entry Books of.**

1524 to 1786. 27 Vols.

**Depositions.**

24 Eliz. to 17 Vict. 250 Bundles. Interrogatories, Depositions and Examinations.

**Exhibits.**

1795 to 1860. 17 Bundles.

**Pleadings:**

**Bills.**

1485 to 1853. 136 Vols. and Bundles. From Henry VII to 1800 the Chancery Bills are bound in volumes, 91 in number; subsequent to the latter date they are in yearly bundles.

**II.—CHANCERY RECORDS: (B) PROCEEDINGS IN EQUITY—**  
(continued).**Pleadings—(continued).****Answers.**

1474 to 1858. 250 Vols. and Bundles. Prior to 1710 the Answers are bound in volumes; from and after that date they are in yearly bundles.

**Replications, &c.**

1601 to 1856. 21 Bundles. Replications, Demurrers, Exceptions, &c.

*Bill Books.* 1473 to 1734. 9 Vols. (Bills only).

*Do.* { 1639 & 1645 (Answers) } 2 Vols.

*Do.* { 1640 & 1648 (Bills) }  
*Do.* 1628 to 1676. 1 Vol. (All Pleadings).

**Writs.**

10 Geo. I to 54 Geo. III. 70 Bundles. Original files consisting for the most part of Writs of *mandamus* to the Chancellor.

**Miscellanea.**

Richard II to Victoria. 164 Vols. and Bundles. This class includes amongst other things the following:—

APPEARANCE BOOKS. 1642 to 1703. 3 Vols.

MINUTE BOOK (REGISTRAR'S). 1705 to 1713. 1 Vol.

CONSENTS. 1793 to 1836. 1 Bundle.

ENROLMENTS OF DEEDS, DECREES, &c. Chas. II to Will. IV. 2 Bundles. These include the Enclosure Award of Walton-on-the-Hill and Fazakerley, 1763.

REGISTRAR'S PAPERS. 1750 to 1850. 130 Bundles.

CHANCERY FILES. Rich. II to Hen. VII. Original files of Warrants, Writs, &c.

**III.—PROTHONOTARY'S RECORDS.****Articles of Clerkship, &c.**

1730 to 1875. 7 Vols. and Bundles. These include:—

AFFIDAVITS OF EXECUTION OF ARTICLES OF CLERKSHIP. 1749 to 1814. 2 Bundles.

CLERKS' ARTICLES BOOKS. 1749 to 1823. 2 Vols. Abstracts of the affidavits of execution and from 1810 lists of persons intending to apply for admission as attorneys in the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster.

REGISTER OF ATTORNEYS' CERTIFICATES. 1785 to 1871. 1 Vol.

ROLL OF ATTORNEYS. 1730 to 1875. 1 Vol.

OATH ROLL. 1730 to 1793.

**Declarations in Ejectment, &c.**

1788 to 1849. 6 Bundles.

*Indexes called 'Pye Books.'* 1741 to 1875. 10 Vols. References to the Declarations are also given from 1 George III onwards in the Dockets of Issues (see under **Plea Rolls**).

**III.—PROTHONOTARY'S RECORDS—**(continued).**Fines.**

John of Gaunt (1362) to 4 Will. IV. 511 Bundles. These are the original Feet and Concords of Fines with the writs, &c.

*Docket Roll of Fines.* 1 to 22 Geo. II.

*Docket Rolls of Fines and Recoveries.* 1 to 52 Geo. III. 6 Rolls.

*Docket Books of Fines and Recoveries.* 49 Geo. III to 4 Will. IV. 2 Vols.

See also under **Plea Rolls**: the references to Fines prior to 1760 in the Docket Rolls are to the entries on the Plea Rolls of sums paid for licence to agree and King's Silver.

**Fines, Enrolments of.**

29 Eliz. to 4 Will. IV. 479 Rolls. Enrolments of Fines in accordance with the Statute of 23 Elizabeth. Each enrolment contains the writ of covenant and return, the entry of the King's Silver, the foot and the proclamations. Earlier enrolments of fines are on the Plea Rolls.

**Panels of Jurors.**

1811 to 1848. 75 Bundles. These documents are useful as containing the Verdicts in the Suits entered on the Plea Rolls.

**Plea Rolls.**

2 Henry IV to 11 Victoria. 767 Rolls. These rolls contain the entry of issues and judgments, of the King's Silver on fines and prior to 29 Eliz. the enrolment of the fine, the enrolments of the judges' patents, of deeds of bargain and sale, of recognizances of bail, of recoveries, &c. The list of Plea Rolls is printed in Lists and Indexes, No. IV (1910), pp. 81-85.

*Docket Rolls of Pleadings, Fines and Recoveries.* 1 to 15 John of Gaunt (1362 to 1377) and 6 Hen. VI to 34 Geo. II. 16 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls of Fines and Recoveries.* 1 to 52 Geo. III. 4 Rolls.

*Docket Books of Fines and Recoveries.* 49 Geo. III to 4 Will. IV. 2 Vols.

*Docket Rolls of Issues.* 2 Chas. I to 8 Geo. I. 4 Rolls.

*Draft Dockets of Issues.* 1 to 49 Geo. III. 1 Parcel.

*Docket Books of Issues.* 41 Geo. III to 11 Vict. 6 Vols. These give in addition to the reference to the Plea Roll the number of the Declaration.

**Sessional Papers.**

Henry VIII to 11 Victoria. 219 Bundles. These contain the Original Issues, Affidavits, and other Pleadings in Suits in the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster.

*Indexes called 'Pye Books.'* 2 Chas. II to 14 Geo. II. 6 Vols.

**Writs.**

17 Henry VI to 10 Victoria. 399 Bundles. The original files of the writs returned at each of the sessions.



**III.—PROTHONOTARY'S RECORDS—**(continued).**Miscellanea.**

Henry VIII to Victoria. 231 Vols. and Bundles. This class contains the following records :—

APPEARANCE BOOKS. 18 Geo. II to 39 Vict. 43 Vols.

CAUSE BOOKS. 51 Geo. III to 41 Vict. 7 Vols.

COURT MONEY BOOK. 1 Will. IV to 11 Vict. 1 Vol.

FEE BOOKS. 48 Geo. III to 37 Vict. 5 Vols.

FINE BOOKS. 53 Geo. III to 8 Geo. IV. 2 Vols.

IMPARLANCE or REMEMBRANCE BOOKS. 8 Will. III to 38 Vict. 19 Vols. These show the names of all the parties to each suit which has proceeded as far as the Declaration and the actual cause of the suit, with minutes of the principal proceedings in it and when taken. The numbers of entry in these books correspond with those of the Declarations and may be referred to under the defendants' names by means of the Pye Books of those records.

ORDER BOOKS FOR OFFICE COPIES. 57 Geo. III to 29 Vict. 8 Vols.

POSTEA BOOKS. 51 Geo. III to 33 Vict. 6 Vols.

PRECEDENT BOOKS. 4 Vols.

RECEIPT BOOKS. 52 Geo. III to 39 Vict. 15 Vols.

RECORD BOOKS. 51 Geo. III to 14 Vict. 3 Vols. Fee books.

RULE BOOKS. 7 Geo. II to 38 Vict. 20 Vols.

RULES OF REFERENCE. 41 Geo. III to 37 Vict. 6 Vols.

SEAL OFFICE ACCOUNT BOOK. 11 Anne to 5 Geo. I. 1 Vol.

WRIT BOOKS. 11 Anne to 39 Vict. 25 Vols. Entries of writs issued and the fees paid thereon.

DOCKET BOOK OF ISSUES. 12 to 32 Vict. 1 Vol. In continuation of the series of the Prothonotary's dockets, but the Plea Rolls for these years have not been transferred to the Public Record Office.

INQUISITIONS AS TO DAMAGES. Geo. III to Geo. IV. 2 Bundles.

MINUTES OF VERDICTS. 2 to 11 Vict. 1 Bundle.

PROTHONOTARY'S PAPERS. Hen. VIII to Vict. 8 Bundles. Mostly filed papers from 51 Geo. III to 29 Vict.

RULES (CONSENT). 2 Geo. IV to 16 Vict. 2 Bundles.

RULES IN EJECTMENT. 51 Geo. III to 2 Geo. IV. 1 Bundle.

SPECIAL PLEAS. 33 Geo. III to 20 Vict. 9 Bundles.

BILLS OF COSTS. 1760 to 1848. 42 Bundles.

**IV.—CLERK OF THE CROWN'S RECORDS.****Assize Rolls.**

1 Henry VI to 6 Victoria. 317 Rolls. The earlier Eyre and Assize Rolls for the county of Lancaster are mostly in the general series of Assize Rolls; a few are amongst the records of the Duchy of Lancaster.

**IV.—CLERK OF THE CROWN'S RECORDS**—(continued).**Assize Rolls**—(continued).

The following so-called 'Assize Rolls' are with the Records of the Palatinate:—

1-14 Hen. VI. 1 Roll.

20-30 Hen. VI. 1 Roll.

20 Hen. VI. (Fines and Amercements.) 1 Roll.

22 Hen. VI. Do. 1 Roll.

5-17 Edw. IV. (Gaol Delivery.) 1 Roll.

And a series extending from 16 Hen. VIII to 6 Victoria.

See List of Plea Rolls (Lists and Indexes, No. IV).

**Depositions.**

1663 to 1867. 18 Bundles. Depositions, Informations and Examinations, including the Lancashire Special Gaol Delivery (Fenian Trials) of 1867.

**Indictments.**

3 Henry VI to 31 Victoria. 301 Bundles. This class comprises the original files of indictments, writs of assize, recognizances, verdicts and other proceedings at the Assizes and Gaol Deliveries. Included in it are the BAIL ROLLS, 22 to 38 Hen. VIII, and the CORONERS' INQUISITIONS from 2 Charles I to 3 George IV. There are also four CALENDAR ROLLS of Indictments in the class, namely, for 4 to 6 and 17 Edw. IV and 16 to 21 and 26 to 35 Hen. VIII.

**Miscellanea.**

Richard II to Victoria. 44 Vols. and Bundles. Included in this class are the following:—

MINUTE BOOKS. Series I. 1686 to 1877. 9 Vols. These relate to criminal cases only and give the names of the Grand and Petty Juries, with abstracts of coroners' inquisitions and of indictments with the verdict and sentence, entries of recognizances taken in court, &c.

Do. Series II. 1759 to 1797. 3 Vols. These contain entries of the recognizances to appear, prosecute and give evidence at Gaol Deliveries.

ORDER BOOKS. 1736 to 1878. 9 Vols. Entries of orders made in crown causes at the General Sessions of the Assizes and at Gaol Deliveries.

ORDERS AS TO COSTS. 1815 to 1857. 5 Vols.

RETURNS OF MALE CONVICTS. 1838 to 1840. 2 Vols. Chaplain's reports on the prisoners.

RULE BOOKS. 1790 to 1838. 2 Vols.

WRIT BOOK. 1811 to 1825. 1 Vol.

BILLS OF COSTS. 1819 to 1844. 5 Bundles.

HIGHWAY CERTIFICATES. Geo. I and Geo. II. 1 Bundle.

JUDGES' COMMISSIONS. Chas. II to Geo. I. 1 Bundle.

OUTLAWRY ROLLS. Rich. II to Edw. VI. 4 Rolls.

PARDONS. Chas. II to Geo. III. 1 Parcel.

## RECORDS OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF WALES.

The Records of the Principality of Wales may be said to date, with few exceptions, from the establishment of the Courts of Great Sessions of Wales by the Statute of 34 and 35 Henry VIII.

Assizes appear to have been held in Wales in the reign of Edward I, the Statutum Walliae of 12 Edward I containing the form of the Patent appointing Justices of Assize for Wales, which, by the same Statute, was divided into six counties—viz., Anglesey, Carnarvon and Merioneth (subject to the Justice of Snowdon), Flint, Carmarthen and Cardigan—Sheriffs and Coroners being also directed to be appointed for those counties. Of these counties, Anglesey, Carnarvon and Merioneth were generally known as *North Wales*, Carmarthen (to which Pembroke was afterwards joined) as *South Wales*, and Cardigan as *West Wales*.

There are a few Welsh Assize Rolls amongst the Records of the King's Bench, and a great number of Accounts of the Chamberlains, Sheriffs, Ministers and Receivers, and other Officers of the Welsh Counties amongst the Records of the Court of Exchequer.

By the Statute of 34 and 35 Hen. VIII Wales was divided into 12 counties, eight of which, viz., Anglesey, Carnarvon, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Flint, Glamorgan, Merioneth, and Pembroke, were of ancient origin; whilst Brecknock, Radnor, Denbigh, and Montgomery had been recently made by Stat. 27 Hen. VIII.

By the said Statute of 34 and 35 Hen. VIII sessions were directed to be held twice every year in each of the said counties, to be called the Great Sessions of Wales, which, although similar sessions may have been held previously, were finally established by that Statute.

By the same Act the counties of Wales were sub-divided into four circuits, for each of which original and judicial seals were directed to be provided. These were:—

- (1) The CHESTER CIRCUIT, including the counties of Chester, Flint, Denbigh and Montgomery. The records of the Great Sessions for the county of Chester belong to those of the Palatinate and have been already described here. In the same account the accident whereby the records of Flintshire were preserved at Chester is explained.
- (2) The NORTH WALES CIRCUIT, comprising Anglesey, Carnarvon and Merioneth.
- (3) The BRECKNOCK CIRCUIT, consisting of Brecknock, Radnor and Glamorgan.
- (4) The CARMARTHEN CIRCUIT, consisting of Carmarthen, Pembroke and Cardigan, with the Town of Haverfordwest.

The chief officer in each circuit was the Prothonotary, who acted also as Clerk of the Crown and had charge of the records in all common law actions, both civil and criminal.

The origin of the equity jurisdiction of the Welsh Courts is obscure, as it was not provided for by the Statute of Henry VIII or by any subsequent act of parliament. The earliest known appearance of it is in 1689, and it has been suggested that the jurisdiction may have become necessary upon the abolition of the Court of the Lord President of Wales and the Marches at Ludlow.\* The equity records in each circuit were under the charge of the Registrar.

\* See First Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, App., p. 111.



The Courts of Great Sessions were abolished by Statute 11 Geo. IV and 1 Wm. IV, c. 70, Common Law suits then pending therein being transferred to the Exchequer of Pleas, and Equity suits to either the Court of Chancery or the Equity side of the Exchequer.

Lists of the records of the Principality of Wales preserved at the Public Record Office, with certain exceptions, have been printed and issued in Lists and Indexes, No. XL (1914). The exceptions include the Plea Rolls, of which lists are printed in Lists and Indexes, No. IV (1910), and certain documents amongst the general series of Court Rolls, Rentals and Surveys, &c.

Under a schedule laid before Parliament in 1909 some records of the Great Sessions of Wales not deemed of sufficient value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office have been transferred to the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth.

## I.—EQUITY RECORDS.

### Entry Books of Decrees, &c.

Anne to Will. IV. 46 Vols. as follows :—

#### CHESTER CIRCUIT.

Minute Books of Decrees and Orders. 6 Geo. II to 1 Will. IV.  
5 Vols.

#### NORTH WALES CIRCUIT.

Entry Books of Decrees and Orders. 7 Geo. I to 4 Geo. IV.  
5 Vols.

Rule and Order Books. 4 Geo. I to 1 Will. IV. 6 Vols.

#### BRECON CIRCUIT.

Decree Books. 9 Anne to 16 Geo. III. 3 Vols. *Indexed.*

Order Books. 3 Anne to 34 Geo. III. 8 Vols.

Minute Books. 3 Geo. I to 11 Geo. IV. 10 Vols.

#### CARMARTHEN CIRCUIT.

Order Books. 19 Geo. II to 1 Will. IV. 5 Vols.

Decree Books. 23 to 38 Geo. III. 2 Vols.

Reports and Certificates. 1802 to 1808. 1 Vol.

Account Book of Funds in Court (Registrar's), 1794 to 1796.  
1 Vol.

### Exhibits, &c.

1 Bundle. (CHESTER CIRCUIT.) Counterparts of deeds and leases, &c., Elizabeth to George III, with copies and drafts of proceedings, correspondence, papers, &c., in *Cumberbach v. Anwyl* and other causes.

### Pleadings.

1689 to 1830. 112 Bundles.

#### CHESTER CIRCUIT. 1751 to 1830.

Bill Book. 1742 to 1762. 1 Vol. MS.

*Index.* Geo. II to Geo. IV. 1 Vol. MS.

#### NORTH WALES CIRCUIT. 1728 to 1830.

*Bill Books.* 1706 to 1830. 3 Vols. MS.

#### BRECON CIRCUIT. 1690 to 1830.

*Bill Books.* 1779 to 1830. 2 Vols. MS.

#### CARMARTHEN CIRCUIT. 1689 to 1830.

*Bill Books.* 1731 to 1830. 2 Vols. MS.

**I.—EQUITY RECORDS—**(continued).**Pleadings (Paper).**

1690 to 1830. 27 Bundles. These are the bills, answers, replications and other pleadings in actions concerning debts and personal property.

CHESTER CIRCUIT. 1730 to 1830.

NORTH WALES CIRCUIT. 1693 to 1830.

BRECON CIRCUIT. 1690 to 1825.

**II.—COMMON LAW RECORDS.****Calendar Rolls.**

Henry VIII to Charles II. 11 Rolls. These rolls contain enrolments of the Calendar of Indictments and Pleas of the Crown which was usually filed with the Indictments themselves on the Gaol Files, and give the names of all persons indicted at the Great Sessions, with the offences charged against them, and also abstracts of all Coroners' Inquests.

Radnor. 1 Mary to Commonwealth.

Glamorgan. 1 Mary to 43 Eliz.

Cardigan. 33 Hen. VIII to 44 Eliz.

Pembroke. 33 Hen. VIII to 20 Jas. I and 24 to 26 Chas. II.

**Fines and Recoveries.**

Henry VIII to William IV. 4,237 Files. The original WRITS, CONCORDS, and frequently the FEET OF FINES and the PRECIPES and WARRANTS OF ATTORNEY, &c., FOR RECOVERIES are arranged in Files or Bundles for the following Counties, the Recoveries being also enrolled in full on the PLEA ROLLS :—

Anglesey. 1 Jas. II. to 1 Will. IV.

Brecon. 1 Eliz. to 1 Will. IV.

Cardigan. 2 Edw. VI to 1 Will. IV.

Carmarthen. 2 Eliz. to 1 Will. IV.

Carnarvon. 1 Jas. I to 1 Will. IV.

Denbigh. 3 and 4 Phil. and Mary to 1 Will. IV.

Flint. 34 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV.

Glamorgan. 34 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV.

Merioneth. 7 Jas. I to 1 Will. IV.

Montgomery. 1 Eliz. to 1 Will. IV.

Pembroke. 4 Edw. VI to 11 Geo. IV.

Radnor. 1 Mary to 1 Will. IV.

The means of reference are as follows :—

*Docket Books of Fines and Recoveries.*

Anglesey, Carnarvon and Merioneth. 1803 to 1830. 1 Vol. (Memoranda Book.)

Brecon, Radnor and Glamorgan. 1686 to 1830. 5 Vols.

Cardigan. 1739 to 1830. 3 Vols.

Carmarthen. 1792 to 1815. 2 Vols.

Denbigh. 1792 to 1806. 1 Vol.

Flint. 1559 to 1830. 5 Vols.

Montgomery. 1790 to 1830. 1 Vol. (Entry Book.)

Pembroke. 1739 to 1796. 1 Vol.

**II.—COMMON LAW RECORDS—**(continued).**Fines, Enrolments of.**

Eliz. to Geo. II. 5 Rolls.  
 Flint. 12 Eliz. to 2 Geo. II.  
 Pembroke. 29 to 40 Eliz.

**Fines, Concords of, &c.**

1721 to 1755. 4 Bundles. Concords of Fines and Miscellaneous Papers, apparently from the private papers of one of the Justices of the Brecon Circuit, presented to the Public Record Office in 1906 by the Rt. Hon. Sir H. Aubrey Fletcher, Bart.

**Gaol Files, Writs, &c.**

Henry VIII to William IV. 1,071 Bundles. These are of similar character to the documents in the corresponding class already described amongst the records of the Palatinate of Chester. The class comprises (a) the indictments and processes in criminal cases filed by the several prothonotaries in their capacity as clerks of the crown, and (b) the original files of *brevia* or writs, each being usually made up in sessional files, and the latter including sometimes the *nomina ministrorum* or sheriffs' returns of ministers. The writs subsequent to the year 1660 have, with the exception of some specially selected examples, been transferred to the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth.

Anglesey. 15 Chas. I and 7 Anne to 1 Will. IV.  
 Brecon. 1 Eliz. to 1 Will. IV.  
 Cardigan. 34 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV.  
 Carmarthen. 34 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV.  
 Carnarvon. 20 James I and Anne to 1 Will. IV.  
 Denbigh. 37 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV.  
 Flint. 34 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. The earlier files are amongst the records of the Palatinate of Chester.  
 Glamorgan. 33 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV.  
 Merioneth. 5 Hen. VIII and Chas. II to 1 Will. IV.  
 Montgomery. 1 Mary to 1 Will. IV.  
 Pembroke. 34 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV.  
 Radnor. 33 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV.

**Mainprise Rolls.**

Henry VIII to Elizabeth. 6 Rolls. These contain entries of Bails only.  
 Carmarthen. 37 Hen. VIII to 4 Edw. VI.  
 Carnarvon. 34 Hen. VIII.  
 Glamorgan. 33 Hen. VIII to 4 Eliz.  
 Montgomery. 37 Hen. VIII.  
 Radnor. 1 Mary to 8 Eliz.

**Plea Rolls :****Anglesey.**

18 Eliz. to 1 Will. IV. 151 Rolls.  
*Docket Rolls.* 8 Jas. I to 2 Geo. IV. 8 Rolls.  
*Docket Book.* 1 Geo. IV. to 1 Will. IV. 1 Vol.



**II.—COMMON LAW RECORDS—**(continued).**Plea Rolls—**(continued).**Brecon.**

34 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. 452 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls.* 1 Eliz. to 20 Chas. I. 11 Rolls.*Docket Books.* 23 Chas. I to 41 Geo. III. (These include Fines.) 8 Vols.*Do.* 5 Geo. II to 1 Will. IV. (Brecon and Radnor.)  
4 Vols.**Cardigan.**

33 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. 450 Rolls.

*Docket Roll.* 1 Jas. I to 6 Geo. II. 1 Roll.**Carmarthen.**

33 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. 463 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls.* 1 Eliz. to 6 Geo. II. 5 Rolls.**Carnarvon.**

10 Ric. II to 1 Will. IV. 171 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls.* 18 Eliz. to 59 Geo. III. 11 Rolls.*Docket Book.* 1 Geo. IV to 1 Will. IV. 1 Vol.**Denbigh.**

33 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. 530 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls.* 1 Eliz. to 31 Geo. III. 18 Rolls.**Flint.**See **PALATINATE OF CHESTER.****Glamorgan.**

33 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. 562 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls.* 37 Hen. VIII to 16 Chas. I. 6 Rolls.*Docket Books.* 23 Chas. I to 42 Geo. III (including Fines).  
10 Vols.*Do.* 20 Geo. II to 1 Will. IV. 3 Vols.**Merioneth.**

1 Edw. VI to 1 Will. IV. 191 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls.* 24 Eliz. to 59 Geo. III. 9 Rolls.*Docket Book.* 1 Geo. IV to 1 Will. IV. 1 Vol.**Montgomery.**

33 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. 567 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls.* 38 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. 26 Rolls.**Pembroke.**

34 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. 522 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls.* 36 Hen. VIII to 1654. 11 Rolls.**Radnor.**

33 Hen. VIII to 1 Will. IV. 550 Rolls.

*Docket Rolls.* 3 Mary to 20 Chas. I. 6 Rolls.*Docket Books.* 23 Chas. I to 49 Geo. III (including Fines).  
5 Vols.*Do.* 5 Geo. II to 1 Will. IV. (Brecon and Radnor.)  
4 Vols.

The Plea Rolls of the Principality of Wales contain enrolments of proceedings in actions which proceeded to issue and trial and, more frequently in earlier times, of pleas of the Crown; of the

**II.—COMMON LAW RECORDS—**(continued).**Plea Rolls—**(continued).

patents of judges, prothonotaries, &c. ; and of deeds and other documents ordered to be enrolled. The Recoveries, to which reference is made by means of the Docket Books of Fines and Recoveries, are enrolled in full on them, except in more modern times in the case of those of the Carmarthen circuit.

A List of all the Plea Rolls of Wales is contained in the List of Plea Rolls (Lists and Indexes, No. IV, 1910).

**Prothonotaries' Papers.**

Henry VIII to 1659. 48 Bundles. These contain files of miscellaneous papers connected with the current business of the prothonotaries in the several circuits. The files of a later date than the year 1659 have been transferred to the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth, those for the following counties and periods being now preserved in the Public Record Office :—

- Brecon. 1 Eliz. to 1659.
- Cardigan. 3 James I to 1658.
- Carmarthen. 35 Hen. VIII to 1659.
- Denbigh. 2 Edw. VI to 1658.
- Flint. 34 Hen. VIII to 1659.
- Montgomery. 2 Edw. VI to 1659.
- Pembroke. 6 Mary to 1659.
- Radnor. 33 Hen. VIII to 15 Chas. I.

**Remembrance Rolls of Recoveries.**

James II to 1 Will IV. 69 Rolls. These belong to the Carmarthen circuit and contain abstracts of the Recoveries which in that circuit were not in later years enrolled on the Plea Rolls. They consist of the following :—

- Carmarthen. 1657 to 1 Will. IV. 21 Rolls.
- Pembroke. 1 Anne to 1 Will. IV. 22 Rolls.
- Cardigan. James II to 1 Will. IV. 26 Rolls.
- Index.* 1789 to 1829 (Cardigan). 1 Vol.

**Rule Books, &c.**

6 Elizabeth to 1830. 86 Vols., consisting of the following :—

**ENTRY BOOKS OF RULES :**

- Chester Circuit, Flint. 16 Eliz. to 1 Will. IV. 14 Vols.
- Do. Denbigh and Montgomery, 12 Geo. II to 1 Will. IV. 5 Vols.
- North Wales Circuit. 24 Geo. III to 1 Will. IV. 5 Vols.
- Brecon Circuit. 12 Geo. I to 10 Geo. IV. 9 Vols.
- Carmarthen Circuit. 13 Chas. II to 47 Geo. III. 5 Vols.

**MINUTE AND IMPARLANCE BOOKS :**

- Chester Circuit, Flint. 15 Geo. II to 46 Geo. III. 2 Vols.
- Do. (Minute Books) Denbigh and Montgomery. 7 Geo. II to 15 Geo. III. 2 Vols.
- Do. (Imparlanee Books) Montgomery, 1 Anne to 1 Will. IV. 3 Vols.
- Do. do. Denbigh. 9 Anne to 11 Geo. IV. 3 Vols.

**II.—COMMON LAW RECORDS—**(continued).**Rule Books, &c.**—(continued).

- North Wales Circuit. 6 Geo. II to 1 Will. IV. 3 Vols.  
 Brecon Circuit, Brecon. 8 Will. III to 1 Will. IV. 8 Vols.  
     Do. Radnor. 41 Geo. III to 1 Will. IV. 6 Vols.  
     Do. Glamorgan. 1 Anne to 1 Will. IV. 7 Vols.  
 Carmarthen Circuit, Carmarthen. 1653 to 6 Will. and Mary,  
     and 17 Geo. III to 1 Will. IV. 2 Vols.  
     Do. Pembroke. 3 Jas. I to 1 Will. IV. 6 Vols.  
     Do. Cardigan. 17 Geo. III to 1 Will. IV. 3 Vols.

**CROWN BOOKS :**

- Flint. 6 Eliz. to 16 Chas. I and 32 Geo. II to 1 Will. IV. 3 Vols.  
     These contain lists of prisoners, persons indicted,  
     recusants, &c.

The Rule and Minute Books frequently relate to criminal business before the Court as well as to civil pleas. The Imparlance books contain remembrances of licences to imparl and other processes. Other Crown books and Rule books relating to Flint are with the records of the Palatinate of Chester.

**Ruthin Records.**

1343 to 1808. 26 Parcels, &c. This is a small collection of records relating to the Lordship of Ruthin and consisting of the following :—

- Presentments at the Court, 1722 to 1798.  
 Lists of Freeholders and Inhabitants, 1343 and 1742 to 1797.  
 Declarations, &c., 1732 to 1790.  
 Papers in Causes, 1713 to 1792.  
 Miscellaneous Papers, 1634 to 1808.

The Court Rolls of the Lordship, extending from 22 Edward I (1294) to 1654, are placed with the General Series of Court Rolls. *See* Lists and Indexes, No. VI (1896).

**III.—GENERAL.****Attorneys, &c.**

Geo. II to Will. IV. 9 Vols. and Bundles. These consist of the following :—

**ARTICLES OF CLERKSHIP AND AFFIDAVITS OF EXECUTION THEREOF.**

Chester Circuit (Denbigh and Montgomery). Geo. II to William IV.

North Wales Circuit. Geo. III to Will. IV.

Brecon Circuit. Geo. III to Will. IV.

Carmarthen Circuit. Geo. II to Will. IV.

**ADMISSIONS AND OATH ROLLS.**

Chester Circuit (Denbigh and Montgomery). Geo. II to William IV (Attorneys).

Do. Geo. III to Geo. IV (Solicitors).

North Wales Circuit. Geo. II to Geo. IV.

Brecon Circuit. Geo. III to Will. IV.

Carmarthen Circuit. Geo. III to Geo. IV.



**III.—GENERAL**—(continued).**Attorneys, &c.**—(continued).

REGISTERS OF ARTICLES, ADMISSIONS, CERTIFICATES, &c.

Chester Circuit (Denbigh and Montgomery). Geo. II to Geo. IV.

North Wales Circuit. Geo. II to Will. IV.

Brecon Circuit. Geo. II to Will. IV.

Carmarthen Circuit. Geo. III to Will. IV.

**Deeds.**

*Series F.* A few of the Ancient Deeds in this series, which has been formed mainly out of the records of the Palatinate of Chester (*q.v.*) relate to places within the Principality of Wales. Of the Modern Deeds, bundles 5 to 8 consist of records from the various Welsh repositories.

**Miscellanea.**

Edward III to William IV. 249 Bundles and Vols. Amongst the contents of this class are the following :—

Action, Cause, Practice, Bail and other books.

Black Books, Brecon circuit. 13 Geo. I to 1 Will. IV. Docket books of the gaol deliveries.

Precipe Books :

Carmarthen. 18 Chas. I to 1 Will. IV.

Pembroke. 1655 to 1 Will. IV.

Cardigan. 9 Will. III to 1 Will. IV.

Rules and Orders of Court.

Registrars' Papers.

Papers in Causes.

Prisoners' Papers.

Estreats of Fines.

Declarations, &c. :

Carmarthen. 1607 to 1835.

Pembroke. 1660 to 1830.

Cardigan. 1658 to 1832.

Original letters patent.

Awards in Causes.

Significavit of Excommunication :

Flint. Hen. VIII to Eliz.

Pembroke. Geo. II.

Enclosure Awards :

St. Clear, co. Carmarthen. 1810.

Narberth, co. Pembroke. 1787.

Maps and Plans :

Aberarad common in Emlyn, co. Carm. 1824.

Upper Nash, co. Pembroke. 1775.

Annikill in Steynton, co. Pembroke. *Circa* 1800.

Family Papers, &c.

## RECORDS OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER.

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The important and valuable private muniments belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster were, by the munificence of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, presented to the nation in 1868.

These are entirely distinct from the Records of the County Palatine, which, although *public*, are purely local, whilst the Duchy Records, though *private*, concern the government and jurisdiction of the entire dominion of the Duchy, and embrace the County Palatine as a subordinate regality.

The ancient possessions of the Duchy of Lancaster comprise the Honour and County of Lancaster (the Honour extending into the Counties of Lancaster, Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincoln, Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, York, Rutland and Stafford), the Honours of Leicester and Derby, Bolingbroke, Pickering, Pontefract, Tickhill, Halton and several others, with various important possessions annexed to it by Acts of the Legislature at various times, as the Honours of Clare and Mandeville, together with the vast possessions of the Earldoms of Hereford and Essex.

Nearly every county in England and Wales is in fact represented as contributing to form part of the territories, and as being to some extent under the jurisdiction of the Duchy of Lancaster—the Earls, and subsequently the Dukes, of Lancaster, enjoying by grants from the Crown such *Jura regalia* and prerogative rights within their possessions as were communicable to a subject.

The County of Lancaster was elevated by Edward III in 1351 into a *Palatinate*, with its own Courts of Judicature, as a Court of Chancery, an Exchequer, and Courts of Common Law, but the Records of these Courts relate to the *County* of Lancaster only, and are quite distinct from those of the *Duchy*.

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster had, however, a special jurisdiction in all matters of equity relating to lands held of the King in right of the Duchy, his Court, which was held in Westminster Hall, being known as the Court of the Duchy Chamber of Lancaster.

A complete Inventory of the Records of the Duchy of Lancaster has been issued in the Series of Lists and Indexes, No. XIV (1901).

### I.—EQUITY PROCEEDINGS.

#### Affidavits, Reports, Certificates, Orders, Petitions, &c.

1560 to 1827. 27 Vols. and Bundles. Included in this class are two Entry Books of Affidavits and Appearances, 1560 to 1642, and a bundle of draft Informations, 1717 to 1816.

#### Decrees, Draft.

Hen. VIII to 1726. 142 Bundles.

#### Decrees and Orders, Entry Books of.

16 Edw. IV to 1825. 47 Vols. Prior to the reign of Henry VIII these books contain minutes of the Duchy Council relating to appearances, processes, &c. Vol. 14 (7–14 James I) contains, in addition to the orders and decrees, a few leases and a list of surrenders of the time of Charles II.

**I.—EQUITY PROCEEDINGS—**(continued).**Decrees and Orders, Entry Books of—**(continued).

*Indexes.* Hen. VII to 1835. 12 Vols. MS. There are also an Index Locorum from 1699 to 1796, arranged under Counties, and a subject index to the Decrees from 1660 to 1687 and to Decrees as to title of duchy lands from Edw. IV to 2 Eliz. See also the Calendar known as 'Great Ayloffe,' which contains, *inter alia*, a valuable Index to the Decrees and Orders relating to Commons, Mills, Tolls, Fisheries, Tithes, Enclosures, &c., arranged under *Counties* and Names of *Places*, and extending from Edward IV to Charles I.

As it sometimes happens that Decrees made by the Court have never been entered, in the event of a Decree not being found in the Books of Decrees, the bundles of *Draft Decrees* should also be searched.

**Depositions and Examinations.**

*Series I.* Henry VII to Philip and Mary. 81 Vols. Calendar in *Ducatus Lancastriæ* (Record Comm.), Vol. II.

*Series II.* 1 Elizabeth to 1818. 155 Bundles, arranged chronologically.

*Calendar.* 1 Eliz. to 1818. 4 Vols. MS.

**Injunctions, Draft.**

12 James I to 1794. 23 Bundles.

**Pleadings.**

Henry VII to 1835. 511 Vols. and Bundles. The Pleadings or proceedings by Bill and Answer in the Chancery of the Duchy of Lancaster, more properly called the Court of Duchy Chamber at Westminster, commence in the reign of Henry VII. From that reign to the end of Elizabeth they are bound in volumes.

From 1 James I the Bills, Answers, and Replications are arranged chronologically in bundles, each bundle containing the four Terms of the year, and are referred to by means of Alphabetical Indexes under the names of Plaintiffs and Defendants respectively, according to the nature of the document filed, the Bills being indexed in the Plaintiff's name, and the Answers, if any, in the names of the several Defendants.

*Calendar of Pleadings, &c.* Hen. VII to Elizabeth. 3 Vols. folio, entitled *Ducatus Lancastriæ*.

*Alphabetical Indexes.* 1 Jas. I to 1832. 5 Vols. MS.

**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, &c.****Accounts (Various).**

Edward I to George III. 33 Bundles. These include the following:—

**HOUSEHOLD AND WARDROBE ACCOUNTS.** Richard II to Henry VI. These consist chiefly of Accounts of the household expenses of Henry of Lancaster, Earl of Derby (afterwards Henry IV), including those of his Expeditions to Prussia and the Holy Land in the years 1390-1 and 1392-3 (published by the Camden Society in 1894).



**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, &c.—(continued).****Accounts (Various)—(continued).**

CALAIS ACCOUNTS. 8-9 Henry VII to 18-19 Henry VII. The Accounts of the Treasurer and Controller of the Town and Marches of Calais.

RECEIVER-GENERAL'S ACCOUNTS OF THE DUCHY. Edward III to George III.

STATES OF REVENUE OF THE DUCHY. Henry VII and Henry VIII.

VIEWS OF MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS. Henry VII and Henry VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS. Edward I to George III. Accounts of annuities chargeable on the duchy, estreats and issues of fines and amercements, accounts of arrears, receipts and documents subsidiary to the accounts of receivers and others.

**Ancient Correspondence and Diplomatic Documents.**

*Temp.* Henry I to Henry VIII. 1 Bundle, containing 33 documents. Included in this class are letters relating to the families of Nevill, Bohun, &c., instruments and papers relative to treaties between John, Duke of Lancaster, as King of Castile and Leon and the King of Portugal, Warrants of Mary, Queen of Scots, &c.

**Assize Rolls.**

25 to 34 Edward III. Eight rolls containing Pleas at Preston before the Justices of the Duke of Lancaster.

**Cartæ Miscellanæ.**

Three volumes so entitled, containing deeds and charters which, having lost their seals, had been collected together and bound. References to many of these deeds are given in the Calendar printed in the Deputy Keeper's 36th Report.

**Chancery Rolls.**

Edward III to Henry VII. 68 Rolls. These consist of the following :—

LETTERS PATENT, &c., OF THE PALATINATE. 4 Henry, duke of Lancaster, to 18 Henry VI. 7 Rolls.

*Calendar.* Report XXXII, App. I, pp. 331-365; and Report XXXIII, App. I, pp. 1-42.

LETTERS PATENT, &c., OF THE DUCHY. 19 Henry VI to 17 Edward IV. 39 Rolls.

For Letters Patent of the Duchy prior to 19 Henry VI *see* the Registers of Grants, &c., amongst the **Miscellaneous Books**.

WARRANTS (RELATING TO OFFICES AND MATTERS OF REVENUE). 11 to 17 Edward IV. 7 Rolls.

INDENTURES, LEASES, HOMAGES, &c. 29 Henry VI to 18 Edward IV. 6 Rolls.

PRESENTATIONS, &c. 19 Henry VI to 17 Edward IV. 3 Rolls.

LETTERS PATENT, WARRANTS, COMMISSIONS, &c. 1-24 Henry VII. 1 Roll.

ABSTRACTS OF LEASES AND OF GRANTS OF OFFICES AND ANNUITIES. *Temp.* Henry VII. 6 Rolls.

**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, &c.**—(continued).**Colleges and Chantries, Certificates, &c., of.**

Henry VIII and Edward VI. 1 Bundle, containing 13 documents. Certificates of all chantries, &c., in the county of Lancaster and of such chantries as belonged to the duchy in the counties of Cambridge, Carmarthen, Essex, Glamorgan, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Monmouth and Norfolk, together with a few miscellaneous papers relative to the same.

**Court Rolls.**

Edward I to George III. Bundles 1 to 152 and 228 to 251 of the general series. A descriptive list of the Court Rolls of the Duchy of Lancaster is incorporated with that of the general series of Court Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office. (Lists and Indexes, No. VI, 1896.)

**Deeds.**

*Series L.* 3,635 documents.

*Series LL.* 106 documents.

*Series LS.* 331 documents.

*Calendar.* Deeds L. 1 to 2,044, LL. 1 to 7, and LS. 1 to 189, formerly known as 'Grants in Boxes,' of which a calendar of the first two boxes was printed in the Deputy Keeper's 35th and 36th Reports. The calendar of the remaining boxes has been completed in MS.

*Calendar.* Deeds L. 3,567 to 3,633, LL. 51 to 106, LS. 321 to 331. 1 Vol. MS.

Deeds L. 2,045 to 3,256 and LS. 190 to 295 are the originals of deeds entered in the two volumes known as the 'Great Cowcher' (*see* p. 330).

**Extents for Debt.**

Elizabeth to Charles II. 7 Bundles.

**Forest Proceedings.**

Henry III to George III. 5 Bundles. Pleas, perambulations, inquisitions and extents, swainmote court rolls and miscellaneous documents relative to the forests of Lancashire, the Peak, co. Derby, Pickering and Knaresborough, co. York, Windsor, cos. Berks and Surrey, Waltham, co. Essex, Bradon and Savernake, co. Wilts and others in the counties of Chester, Dorset, Huntingdon, Leicester, Middlesex, Northampton, Oxford, Southampton, &c.

*Descriptive List.* Lists and Indexes, No. XIV, pp. 39-47.

**Inquisitions post mortem.**

Henry III to Charles I. 30 Vols. The Inquisitions post mortem amongst the records of the Duchy of Lancaster range in date chiefly from the reign of Henry V to that of Charles I. A small collection of Inquisitions of earlier date, found amongst the Miscellanea of the Duchy, has been added to the first volume.

*Index.* Hen. VIII to Chas. I. Printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XXXIII, pp. 415-449.

*Calendar.* Printed in *Ducatus Lancastriæ* (Record Comm.). Vol. I.

**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, &c.—(continued).****Judges' Commissions.**

1675 to 1774. 9 Bundles. These include a bundle of Fiats for Commissions of oyer and terminer, justices of the peace, &c., for the county palatine of Lancaster.

**Knights' Fees, Returns of.**

Henry II to Charles I. 3 Bundles. Lists, transcripts of returns, accounts of collectors, &c., of Knights' fees in divers counties.

*Descriptive List.* Lists and Indexes, No. XIV, pp. 65-69.

**Leases, Counterparts, &c., of.**

Edward VI to George II. 61 Bundles.

**Leases, Draft, and Particulars for.**

Henry VIII to George III. 112 Bundles. Included amongst these are two bundles of particulars for the sale of the possessions of Colleges and Chantries, of which a descriptive list is printed in P.R.O. Lists and Indexes, No. XIV, pp. 70-73.

*Index to Leases.* Henry VIII to Geo. II. 1 Vol. MS.

**Maps and Plans.**

Eliz. to George III. 116 documents. A collection of Maps and Plans relating chiefly to boundaries of manors and extents and valuations of premises under Special Commissions of Survey issued in suits pending in the Duchy Court or otherwise.

The Surveys to which they belong are generally to be found in the Bundles of Special Commissions and Surveys.

*Descriptive List.* Lists and Indexes, No. XIV, pp. 76-80.

**Ministers' Accounts.**

Edward I to George III. 739 Bundles. An Inventory of the yearly accounts of the bailiffs, farmers, reeves, collectors, receivers and other officers or ministers of the manors and lands belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster is printed in the Deputy Keeper's 45th Report.

Those anterior to the reign of Henry VII are included in the general List of Ministers' Accounts (Lists and Indexes No. V, 1894), and those for the reigns of Henry VII and Henry VIII in No. XXXIV (1910).

**Miscellanea.**

Will. I to Victoria. 43 Bundles. A collection of Miscellaneous Records in bundles, classified as follows :—

Bundles 1 to 3. Evidences of title, from William I to George III.

Bundles 4 and 5. Enrolments and transcripts of Inquisitions. Edward I to Elizabeth.

Bundles 6 and 7. Transcripts of Pleadings. Henry III to Charles II.

Bundle 8. Documents relating to Sea-Banks and Sewers. Edward II to Henry VII.



**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, &c.—(continued).****Miscellanea—(continued).**

Bundle 9. Warrants for allowances, &c., subsidiary to Ministers' Accounts. Edward III to George II.

Bundles 10 to 43. Inquisitions, Inventories, Petitions, and other documents falling into no particular class, from Henry III to Victoria. Included amongst them is a small book (Bundle 10, No. 26), containing a confirmation by Henry VIII of numerous ancient charters relating to the Laws, &c., of Calais, of which very full and interesting details are given.

*Descriptive List.* Lists and Indexes, No. XIV, pp. 103-142.

**Miscellaneous Books.**

John to George III. 148 Vols., numbered 1 to 147. These comprise the following:—

VOLS. 1 to 10. COWCHERS AND CARTULARIES, viz.:—  
Vols.

1 and 2. The Great Cowchers, or 'Cartæ Regum.' Henry III to Richard II. Two large and handsomely illuminated volumes, containing enrolments of Charters and Grants relating to the possessions of the Duchy between the foregoing dates, together with Perambulations and Pleas of the Forests in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

*Calendar and Index.* 2 Vols. MS.

3. Cartulary of Furness Abbey. Printed for the Chetham Society, under the editorship of the Rev. J. C. Atkinson, 3 Vols. (1886-7).

4. Cartulary of the Honour of Tutbury. Register of tenants, fees, &c.

5. Cartulary of St. Edmund's Bury Abbey.

6. Cartulary of St. Nicholas Burscogh Priory.

7. Cartulary of Kirkstall Abbey.

8. Cartulary of Selby Abbey.

9. Cartulary of the manor of Daventry.

*Calendar and Index in Vol. II of 'Abstracts and Indexes of Registers,' MS.*

VOLS. 11 to 27. REGISTERS OF GRANTS, CHARTERS, LEASES, &c., viz.:—  
Vols.

11-19. John to Edward IV.

*Calendars and Indices Locorum in two Vols., entitled 'Abstracts and Indexes of Registers.'* The first part of Vol. 13 has been printed in *John of Gaunt's Register*, 1372-1376, 2 Vols. (Royal Hist. Soc., Camden Series, Vols. XX, XXI, 1911). See also below, p. 349.

20. Richard III.

*Calendar at the commencement of the Volume.*

21. Henry VII.

*Calendar at the commencement of the Volume.*

22. Henry VIII.

*Index in the Volume entitled, 'Index to Patents, Hen. VIII to 1760.'*

23. Edw. VI, Phil. and Mary and 1-10 Eliz.

*Index in the Volume entitled, 'Index to Patents, Hen. VIII to 1760.'*

24. Jas. I to Will. III.

This contains Grants, Patents, Exemplifications of Decrees, &c.  
*Index at the commencement of the Volume.*

**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, &c.—(continued).****Miscellaneous Books—(continued).**

Vols.

25. Eliz. to Geo. I.

This contains Surrenders, Grants, Leases, &amp;c., chiefly between the reigns of Eliz. and Geo. I, with a few transcripts of documents of a much earlier date.

*Index in the Volume.*

26. 3 Anne to 3 Geo. II.

*Table of contents in the Volume.*

27. 4 to 14 Geo. II.

*Table of contents in the Volume.*

VOLS. 28 to 37B. BOOKS OF ENROLMENTS OF LEASES, &amp;c. Henry VII to 13 Charles I.

*Index.* 'Index to Leases, Hen. VIII to Geo. II.' 1 Vol. MS.

VOLS. 38 to 72. NORTH AUDITORS' ENTRY BOOKS OF LEASES, &amp;c. Henry VII to Geo. III. These contain entries of patents, leases, orders and other documents relative to the tenure of lands in the north parts of the duchy. Vol. 72 is a copy of the indenture with schedule annexed reserving certain rents from sale by the trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents, 30 Charles II. Most of the volumes contain indexes.

VOLS. 73 to 94. SOUTH AUDITORS' ENTRY BOOKS OF LEASES, &amp;c. These are similar to the foregoing and relate to the south parts of the duchy. Most of the volumes contain indexes.

VOLS. 95 to 99. BOOKS OF COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, &amp;c. Henry VIII to Elizabeth.

*Calendar.* 1 Vol. MS. referring to Vols. 95, 96 and 98. The two remaining volumes contain indexes.VOL. 100. ENTRY BOOK OF PRESENTATIONS. 11 Eliz. to 4 Geo. II. Contains an *index locorum* and a list of presentations from 1730 to 1830.VOL. 101. ENTRY BOOK OF MANUMISSIONS. *Temp.* Elizabeth. The original Deeds of Manumission are preserved in two large files amongst the Miscellanea of the Duchy (Bundles 19 and 20).VOL. 103. ENTRY BOOK OF PATENTS, LEASES, ORDERS, &c. 20 Jas. I to 14 Chas. I. Contains an *index nominum*.VOL. 104. GRANTS TO THE CITY OF LONDON. 4 and 14 Chas. I. With *index locorum*, &c.

VOL. 105. ABSTRACT OF RECEIVERS' ACCOUNTS. 16 Jas. I to 5 Chas. I.

VOLS. 106 to 127. BOOKS OF SURVEYS, &amp;c., viz. :—

Vol.

106. Rental of Pontefract, &amp;c., co. York. 3 Henry VI.

107. Do. of Ogmores, co. Glamorgan. 7 Henry VI.

108. Survey of Hartley Mawdit, co. Southampton, &amp;c. 6 Edw. VI.

109. Do. of Tutbury, co. Stafford. 1 Elizabeth.

110. Do. of Barton, co. Stafford. 1 Elizabeth.

111. Do. of Marchington, co. Stafford. 1 Elizabeth.

112. Do. of Pevensey, &amp;c., co. Sussex. 6 Elizabeth.

113. Do. of Daventry-cum-Drayton, co. Northampton. 13 Elizabeth.

114. Do. of Woods in the North Parts of the Duchy. 29 Elizabeth.

115. Do. of Wollaston, &amp;c., co. Northampton. 33 Elizabeth.

116. Do. of Sombourn Regis, &amp;c., co. Southampton. 33 Elizabeth.

117. Do. of East Garston, &amp;c., co. Berks and Oxford. 33 Elizabeth.

118. Do. of Woods in Hertford, Essex and Middlesex. 5 James I.

119. Do. of the Honour of Bolingbroke, co. Lincoln. 5 James I.

120. Do. of the Honour of Kidwelly, co. Carmarthen. 7 James I.

121. Do. of Grosmont, co. Monmouth. 7 James I.

122. Do. of the Lordship of Monmouth. 11 James I.

123. Do. of Caldicot and Shirenewton, co. Monmouth. 11 James I.

**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, &c.—(continued).****Miscellaneous Books—(continued).**

- Vols.  
 124. Survey of the Honour of Pickering. 17 James I.  
 125. Do. of Enfield Manor and Chace, co. Middlesex. 11 Charles I.  
 126. Do. of Enfield Manor and Chace, co. Middlesex. 2 James II.  
 127. Do. of Enfield Manor and Chace, co. Middlesex. 2 James II.  
 The above are more fully described in Lists and Indexes, No. XXV.
- VOLS. 128 to 142. VARIOUS, as follows :—
- Vol.  
 128. Copies of records (Hen. III to A.D. 1819), relating to the forests of Quernmore, Bleasdale, Fullwood and Wyersdale, co. Lanc. 1769–1819.  
 129. Copies of commissions and returns, &c. (1 Eliz. to 31 Geo. II) relating to Knaresborough Forest, co. York. *Temp.* Geo. III.  
 130–132. Transcripts of the Red Book of the Exchequer, Liber Feodorum, &c., as to tenures and Knights' fees.  
 133. Book of directions as to the ordering of the Signet Office. 26 Hen. VIII.  
 134. Copies of leases of lands in the south parts of the duchy. Hen. VIII and Phil. and Mary.  
 135. Copies of grants of lands of chantries. 1–7 Edw. VI.  
 136. Copies of surveys, charters, &c., relating to Sombourn and Stockbridge, co. Hants. Eliz. and Jas. I.  
 137. A particular of fines upon surrender within the manor of Duffieldfrith, co. Derby, due to the King. 6 Jas. I–2 Chas. I.  
 138. Memoranda on ministers' accounts. 5 Chas. I–16 Chas. II.  
 139. Extracts from accounts of particular receivers. 17–25 Chas. II.  
 140. Debenture book of salaries, &c., to officers of the duchy and county palatine. 1729–1743.  
 141. Copy of the 'Little Cowcher,' being chiefly precedents.  
 142. Contents of some book of charters touching the creation and possessions of the duchy.
- VOLS. 143 to 146. ENTRY BOOKS OF REVENUE ORDERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER. 6 Chas. I to 1758.
- VOL. 147. QUEEN CATHERINE'S SECOND JOINTURE. 24 Chas. II.

**Parliamentary Surveys.**

Commonwealth. 87 documents. These are, with a few exceptions, transcripts, in many cases of recent date, of the Parliamentary Surveys amongst the records of the Augmentation Office.

**Patents, Drafts of and Particulars for.**

Philip and Mary to George III. 53 Bundles. These consist principally of Patents for Appointments to Offices. They include a bundle of Constats of exemption from toll for various towns, extending from 1652 to 1749.

*Index to Patents.* Hen. VIII to 1760. 1 Vol. MS.

**Presentations to Benefices, Draft.**

Elizabeth to George I. 3 Bundles. The earlier Presentations to Benefices in the gift of the Duchy of Lancaster are enrolled either in the Chancery Rolls or in the Registers of Grants, &c.

**Rentals and Surveys.**

Henry III to George III. 17 Bundles.

*Index.* The references to the Duchy series of Rentals and Surveys are incorporated with those of the general series in Lists and Indexes, No. XXV (1908).



**II.—ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, &c.—(continued).****Royal Charters.**

William II to George II. 427 Documents.

*Calendar.* William II to Richard II. Printed. Report XXXI, App., pp. 1-41.

*Do.* Henry IV to George II. 1 Vol. MS.

**Security Bonds.**

Henry VIII to George I. 9 Bundles. These consist chiefly of bonds for the payment of sums of money to the receivers and other accounting officers of the Duchy.

**Sheriffs' Bills.**

1684 to 1758. 6 Bundles. These contain the bills, draft patents and other documents relative to the appointments of the Sheriffs of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

**Special Commissions and Returns.**

Elizabeth to George III. 72 Bundles. These include, in addition to many Surveys of Manors, Castles and Honours, the returns to inquiries respecting Concealed Lands; the condition and repairs of Castles, Parks and Manor Houses; Encroachments and Enclosures; Repairs of Bridges, Mills, Weirs and Sea Banks; Settlements of Boundaries; Spoils of Woods and Sales of Timber; Treasure Trove and the goods and chattels of Felons and Outlaws; Misdemeanours and Oaths of Officers of the Duchy; and the Reports and Awards of Special Commissioners on various matters referred to them to be decided.

*Calendar.* 1 Vol. MS. References to the Surveys amongst the returns to the Special Commissions of the Duchy are printed in the general list of Rentals and Surveys (Lists and Indexes, No. XXV, 1908).

**Warrants (under Privy Seal, &c.).**

Henry VII to George IV. 44 Bundles. These include privy seals, signed bills and other warrants for grants in fee-farm, patents of offices, presentations, charters of incorporation, &c. Bundle 19 consists of general and special liveries from Henry VII to James I, of which there is a calendar in Deputy Keeper's Report XXXIX, App. pp. 549-562.

*Index.* Eliz. to Geo. III. Index to Grants in Fee, 1 Vol. MS.

**Warrants and Commissions to Survey, Drafts of.**

13 Elizabeth to 1785. 85 Bundles.

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## RECORDS OF THE COURT OF THE HONOUR OF PEVERIL.

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The Court of the Honour of Peveril, which extended into several counties, was of great antiquity, and seems to have comprised both a Tourn and a View of Frankpledge, the former, which was held twice a year at Nottingham, having jurisdiction to hear and determine all felonies (death of man excepted) and common nuisances.

The latter, which met once in every three weeks, had jurisdiction over those matters which were exempt from the Tourn.

The Tourn, after the Honour had come into the King's hands, was presided over by the Constable or Warden of Nottingham Castle as Steward of the Honour. Over the Frankpledge an officer in the nature of a Bailiff presided and in 11 Edward III the Bailiwick of the Honour of Peveril was granted to William Eland and his heirs for ever, in whose family it remained until the reign of Henry VIII, when it was alienated by the then heir to Henry Willoughby, together with all profits and charges, and all Records, Evidences, Court Rolls, and Writings concerning and belonging to the said office. In 1617 the office of High Steward of the Honour of Peveril, &c., and the keeping of all Courts within the said Honour, was granted by James I to Sir George and Sir Edward Goring, and, although this lease was disputed by Sir Percival Willoughby, to whom the estate had descended, the Gorings obtained a decree against him in the Court of Exchequer, by which the lease was confirmed.

In 1672 the office was granted by Charles II to the Marquis of Worcester and his two sons for the term of their lives, the limits of the Court being then further extended, and a Court of Record appointed to be held every Tuesday, in which should be heard and determined all pleas of debts, trespass, &c., and all personal actions arising within the Honour aforesaid, in which the debts, damages, &c., did not exceed the sum of 50*l*.

On the death of the last survivor of the three grantees above mentioned, the family of Willoughby once more endeavoured to obtain possession of the Bailiwick, and for the purpose of preventing all disputes in future Queen Anne, by letters patent of 22 June, 1706, granted the Stewardship of the Honour in perpetuity to Sir Thomas Willoughby, Bart., and his heirs, in whose hands it remained until the Peveril Court was abolished by Statute 12 and 13 Vict., c. 101, s. 14. By s. 16 of the same statute the records of the Court were to be thenceforth deemed to be in the custody of the Master of the Rolls under the authority of the Public Record Office Act,

An Inventory of the records of the Peveril Court now preserved at the Public Record Office is printed in Lists and Indexes, No. XL (1914). A report on the history and records of the Court is published in the Appendix to the Deputy Keeper's 16th Report.

**Records of the Honour of Peveril.**

1662 to 1850. 62 Vols. and Bundles. These consist of the following classes :—

**ACTION BOOKS.** 1682 to 1790. 16 Vols. These contain the names of the parties and the attorneys, with brief notes of the nature of the action and the proceedings at each session of the Court. The volumes from 1746 to 1770 have each an *index* of plaintiffs' names.

**MINUTE OR PRECIPE BOOKS.** 1764 to 1850. 27 Vols. Notes of process issued, with amounts of damages and costs, entries of appearances, &c. From 1833 onwards the volumes have *indexes* under the plaintiffs' names and there is an *index* in one volume to the attorneys' names from 1825 to 1829.

**PLEADINGS BOOKS.** 1682 to 1761. 4 Vols. These contain copies of the pleadings and declarations. They are *indexed* under plaintiffs' names from 1691.

**RULE BOOKS.** 1662 to 1702. 3 Vols.

**TRIALS AND INQUIRIES BOOK.** 1835 to 1843. 1 Vol.

**PAPERS.** 1844 to 1849. 8 Bundles.

**WRITS.** 1847 to 1849. 1 Bundle.

**PLEAS.** 1847 to 1849. 1 Bundle.

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## RECORDS FROM THE OFFICE OF QUEEN ANNE'S BOUNTY.

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The history of the foundation of the Office of the Governors and Treasurer of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the augmentation of the maintenance of the poor clergy has already been related in the present work. By Statute 1 Vict., c. 20, the records of the Office of First Fruits and Tenths were transferred to the Queen Anne's Bounty Office, but have since been transferred under the Public Record Office Act to that Department. In addition to those Bishops' Certificates of Institutions and other records which have been incorporated in their respective series amongst the records of the Office of First Fruits and Tenths they include the following :—

### **Records transmitted in 1883 and 1922.**

4 Richard II to 1839. 12 Boxes. These include Bonds for payment and for excess of first fruits, commissions to collect arrears and returns thereto, returns of promotions and admissions, Exchequer processes and returns, deeds, accounts and other miscellaneous documents formerly in the Office of First Fruits and Tenths.

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## RECORDS OF THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE, STATIONERS' HALL.

By section 11 of the Copyright Act, 1842 (Stat. 5 & 6 Vict., c. 45), a Book of Registry was required to be kept at Stationers' Hall of the proprietorship in the copyright of books and assignments thereof and in dramatic and musical pieces.

The Fine Arts Copyright Act, 1862 (Stat. 25 & 26 Vict., c. 68), required a register of the proprietors in paintings, drawings and photographs to be similarly kept.

These two Acts were repealed by the Copyright Act, 1911, whereby no provision was made for the registration of copyright. This registration, therefore, ceased, so far as works published or produced in the United Kingdom were concerned, on 1 July, 1912, when the new Act came into force, and the copyright registers under the former Acts and other records connected therewith were transferred from Stationers' Hall to the Public Record Office.

### Registers.

1842 to 1912. 207 Vols. These consist of the following :—  
BOOKS. 1 July, 1842, to 29 June, 1912.

*Indexes.* General. 1844-1883. 27 Vols. MS.

Do. Minutes of Consent. 1842-1871. 1 Vol. MS.

Do. Assignments. 1842-1901. 13 Vols. MS.

Literary. 1842-1907. 4 Vols. Printed.

Do. 1907-1911. 3 Vols. MS.

Commercial. 1842-1883. 1 Vol. Printed.

Do. 1883-1912. 11 Vols. MS.

FINE ARTS, &c. 15 August, 1862, to 29 June, 1912.

*Indexes.* General. 1862 to 1883. 15 Vols. MS.

Paintings and Drawings. 1883 to 1906. 16 Vols. MS.

Do. (Artistic). 1906 to 1912. 1 Vol. MS.

Do. (Commercial). 1906 to 1912. 2 Vols. MS.

Photographs. 1883 to 1912. 17 Vols. MS.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL REPRESENTATIONS OR PERFORMANCES.

7 July, 1873, to 22 August, 1912.

*Indexes.* Entries. 1873 to 1912. 3 Vols. MS.

Assignments. 1874 to 1883. 1 Vol. MS.

FOREIGN REGISTER. 20 June, 1854, to 21 May, 1912. Entries of Books, Music, Paintings, Sculpture, &c.

*Indexes.* 1847 to 1912. 27 Vols. MS. The entries prior to June, 1854, are in the general Book Register.

Do. ASSIGNMENTS OF BOOKS. 3 July, 1883, to 25 November, 1890.

*Index.* 1 Vol. MS.

Do. DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL REPRESENTATIONS OR PERFORMANCES, 3 July, 1883, to 17 October, 1898.

*Indexes.* Entries. 1883. 1 Vol. MS.

Assignments. 1883 to 1898. 1 Vol. MS.

Later volumes of some of the above series are still at Stationers' Hall.

**Entry Forms, &c. (General Series).**

1837 to 1912. 1,237 Bundles. These are the original forms of application for entries of proprietorship, memoranda of assignments, minutes of consent, &c. In the case of paintings and drawings, photographs, commercial labels and advertisements, a print is usually annexed; in that of literary works, a copy of the title page or cover or similar means of identification will sometimes be found. The forms are classified in accordance with the Registers and arranged chronologically.

**Label Books.**

1873 to 1912. 23 Vols. These contain commercial labels and the like pasted down. They appear to be duplicates of those attached to the Entry Forms.

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## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

Under this heading have been placed a number of artificially made classes of records, which are of similar nature, but have been grouped together from different sources.

### Ancient Correspondence, or 'Royal and Historical Letters.'

Richard I to Henry VII. 61 Vols. In his capacity as the King's principal Secretary, the Chancellor had in early times the direction and control of all foreign affairs and performed most of the business which is now done by the several Secretaries of State. All the correspondence with the sovereign passed through his hands, and he indited the King's letters both to his own subjects and to foreign potentates. Besides the formal enrolments of the more official documents on the Patent, Close, and other Rolls of the Chancery, drafts or copies of these outgoing letters were preserved on the Files of the Chancery, as were also the Letters received from various correspondents. These have now been formed into a distinct class of 'Ancient Correspondence,' or Medieval State Papers, which includes documents of an analogous character formerly preserved in various offices of the Exchequer, together with a small collection of correspondence belonging to the Cely family and the Stonor family respectively.

A collection of original letters addressed to Edward the Black Prince (41 Edw. III), and of correspondence relating to the affairs of Gascony and Ponthieu in the reign of Edw. III, formerly bound in a volume and deposited with the Miscellaneous Books of the Treasury of the Receipt, has been added to the Series (Vol. 54).

A list of the contents of this class has been printed in the series of Lists and Indexes, No. XV, 1902. Many of the documents have been printed in extenso in Rymer's *Fœdera* and in the several collections of Royal and Historical Letters published in the series of 'Chronicles and Memorials,' &c.

### Ancient Petitions.

Henry III to Elizabeth. 340 Files. These consist of original Petitions of ancient date now brought together from various sources, and including Petitions to the King, to the King and Council, and to Parliament, with others addressed to the Chancellor in his executive capacity, and to various Officers of State. A great number of Petitions to the King from the inhabitants of Gascony and other French provinces will also be found in this collection.

Many of the Petitions to Parliament have been printed in the *Rotuli Parliamentorum*.

Included in the class are two original files of petitions from the Duchy of Cornwall and others to the Prince of Wales and his Council, namely from 1 March, 1375, to 8 June, 1376, and for 3 Hen. IV (File 333).

An Index of petitioners' names has been issued. (Lists and Indexes, No. I, 1892.)

### Court Rolls.

251 Portfolios and Bundles. The principal collections of Court Rolls or Manor Rolls existing in the Public Record Office

are those of the Augmentation Office and of the Land Revenue Department of the Exchequer, those of the Duchy of Lancaster (Calendared in the Deputy Keeper's 43rd Report), those of the Palatinate of Chester, the Halmote Court Books of the Palatinate of Durham, and the Court Rolls belonging to the several Welsh Jurisdictions, Inventories of which have been printed in the 21st and 22nd Reports.

Bundles 1 to 152 and 228 to 251 of this collection belong to the Duchy of Lancaster (see above, p. 328).

These (with the exception of the Land Revenue Court Rolls and of the Halmote Court Books of Durham, referred to under the Records of the Palatinate), together with the numerous Court Rolls formerly existing amongst the various classes of Miscellanea or mixed with the Ministers' and Receivers' Accounts, have now been formed into one large series, an Inventory of which has been published. (Lists and Indexes, No. VI, 1896.)

### **Hundred Rolls.**

Henry III and Edward I. 293 Rolls, &c., in 8 Boxes. The Hundred Rolls contain the Inquisitions taken by virtue of two Special Commissions issued in the second and seventh years of Edward I respectively, by which the Commissioners were directed to summon juries to inquire into the King's rights, royalties and prerogatives, and into the frauds and abuses connected therewith.

By them the crown was furnished with evidence of 'all the demesne lands of the Crown, whether ancient or newly acquired by escheat or purchase; of the manors, &c., formerly in the hands of the Crown, the persons holding the same, by what authority and how alienated; of the tenants in capite and tenants in ancient demesne; of the losses sustained by the Crown (in military services and otherwise) by sub-infeudations made by such tenants; of alienations to the church under the pretext of gifts in frankalmoigne; of wardships, marriages, escheats, and suits and services withholden and subtracted; of the fee-farms of the Crown, hundreds, wapentakes and tithings; of courts, wreck of the sea, free-chase, free-warren and other jura regalia; of the oppressions of the nobility, clergy and others claiming such rights; of exactions by excessive and illegal tolls in fairs, and for murage, pontage, &c.; of exactions by sheriffs, escheators and other ministerial officers; and of the illegal exportation of wools, &c., &c.' Similar inquiries appear to have been held by the Justices Itinerant, both at earlier and subsequent dates. The Returns to some of these are placed with the Hundred Rolls, but they are more generally enrolled on the Assize Rolls amongst the 'Placita Coronæ,' and 'Placita de Quo Warranto.'

A portion only of the Inquisitiones Hundredorum or Hundred Rolls, was returned into Chancery and deposited in the Tower of London; the remainder, so far as they exist, together with the Rolls called 'Extract Hundred Rolls,' from which the deficiencies can in many cases be supplied, being deposited with the Records of the Treasury of the Receipt of the Exchequer in the Chapter House.

**Hundred Rolls**—(continued).

Transcripts in full of most of the Hundred Rolls of Edward I, together with several inquisitions, dated 39 Henry III, have been printed by the Record Commission in two Vols., folio, with *Indices Nominum* and *Locorum*.

N.B.—The Titles of the several Hundred Rolls, as given in the printed volumes, do not appear in the original Rolls, but appear to have been compiled by the editors from the several Commissions and Articles of Inquiry.

The Hundred Rolls, both of the Tower and Chapter House Series, have now, for convenience of reference, been placed together in 8 Boxes, the contents of which are set out in the following List :—

## HUNDRED ROLLS.

The rolls marked with an asterisk have not been printed.

In cases marked thus † one or more of the rolls or membranes have not been printed.

Bedford.	(Tower Series.)	7 Edw. I.	2 rolls.
Do.	(Chapter House.)	" "	1 roll.
Bucks.	(Tower Series.)	" "	5 rolls.
Do.	(Chapter House.)	39 Hen. III and 3 Edw. I.	} 18 rolls.†
Cambridge.	(Tower Series.)	7 Edw. I.	
Do.	(Chapter House.)	3 "	4 rolls.*
Derby.	(Tower Series.)	" "	4 rolls.
Devon.	(Chapter House.)	" "	47 ms.
Dorset.	do.	" "	4 ms.†
Essex.	do.	2 "	3 rolls.†
Gloucester.	do.	" "	5 ms.
Do.	do.	" "	1 roll.*
Hereford.	do.	3 "	3 rolls.†
Hertford.	(Chapter House.)	" "	1 roll.
Hunts.	(Tower Series.)	7 "	5 rolls.
Do.	do.	3 "	1 roll.*
Kent.	(Chapter House.)	" "	1 roll.†
Lincoln.	(Tower Series.)	" "	34 rolls.†
London.	(Chapter House.)	" "	16 ms.
Do.	do.	" "	1 roll.
			(An 'Extract Roll.')
Do.	(Tower Series.)	7 "	24 ms.*
Middlesex.	do.	" "	2 ms.*
Norfolk.	(Chapter House.)	3 "	12 rolls.
Northampton.	do.	" "	2 rolls.†
Nottingham.	(Tower Series.)	" "	4 rolls.
Oxford.	do.	7 "	20 rolls.†
Do.	(Chapter House.)	39 Hen. III and 2 Edw. I.	} 7 rolls.
Rutland.	do.	3 "	
Salop.	do.	39 Hen. III and 2 & 3 Edw. I.	} 23 rolls.



**Hundred Rolls**—(continued).

Somerset.	(Chapter House.)	2 Edw. I.	25 ms.†
Southampton.	do.	2 & 3 Edw. I.	5 rolls.
Stafford.	do.	39 Hen. III.	1 roll.
Do.	do.	39 Hen. III and 3 Edw. I.	} 2 rolls.*
Suffolk.	do.	" "	
Sussex.	do.	" "	9 rolls.†
			1 roll.
			(An 'Extract Roll.')
Do.	do.	" "	1 m.*
Warwick.	_____	7 "	A book of 126
			leaves containing Transcripts of the Inquisitions for the
			County of Warwick. ( <i>Misc. Books, Exchequer K.R.</i>
			<i>Vol. 15.</i> ) Not printed.
Wilts.	(Chapter House.)	39 Hen. III.	1 roll.
Do.	do.	3 Edw. I.	35 ms.
Do.	do.	" "	1 roll.*

## EXTRACT HUNDRED ROLLS.

No. 1. Dorset, Northumberland, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Hertford.

No. 2. Lincoln, Oxford, Berks, Bucks, Beds, Cambridge, Hunts, Devon and Cornwall.

No. 3. York, Somerset, Worcester, Gloucester, Leicester, Warwick, Notts, Derby, Stafford, Northampton and Rutland.

No. 4. Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertford, Dorset and Northumberland. (This roll contains Verdicts 'de Ministris' only, and is not printed.)

**Ministers' and Receivers' Accounts.**

Henry III to George III. 3,541 Bundles, as follows:—  
Bundles.

1-739. DUCHY OF LANCASTER. Edw. I to Geo. III.  
These are described elsewhere in the present work (page 329).

740-1,307. GENERAL SERIES. Hen. III to Ric. III.  
*Catalogue.* Printed in Lists and Indexes,  
No. V (1894) with *Appendix* and *Index* in  
No. VIII (1897).

1,308-1,399. Do. Hen. VII. 1,881 Rolls.

1,400-2,057. Do. Hen. VIII. 7,493 Rolls.

*Catalogue.* Hen. VII and Hen. VIII. Printed  
in Lists and Indexes, No. XXXIV (1910).

2,058-2,199. Do. Edw. VI. 796 Rolls.

*List.* 1 Vol. MS.

2,200-2,325. Do. Philip and Mary. 505 Rolls.

*List.* 1 Vol. MS.

2,326-3,023. GENERAL SERIES. Elizabeth. 3,368 Rolls.

*List.* 2 Vols. MS.

3,024-3,348. Do. James I. 1,699 Rolls.

*List.* 1 Vol. MS.

3,349-3,541. Do. Charles I and later. 1,717 Rolls.

*List.* 1 Vol. MS.

**Ministers' and Receivers' Accounts**—(continued).

In this class are included the yearly Accounts of all *Bailiffs*, *Farmers*, *Reeves*, *Collectors*, *Receivers*, and other Officers or Ministers of such Manors and Lands belonging to the Ancient Demesne of the Crown as did not form part of the *Firma Comitatus* or yearly Farm of the Sheriff, and also of such lands as were acquired from time to time by escheat, forfeiture, or otherwise.

Amongst them will be found also numerous Accounts as rendered to the Lords of the several Manors, &c., by their respective Bailiffs or Farmers anterior to the date of their acquisition by the Crown.

The Ministers' Accounts of the lands in the hands of the Crown were at first entered, together with the Sheriffs' Accounts, on the PIPE ROLLS, and subsequently on the Rolls of 'FOREIGN ACCOUNTS.' It appears, however, to have been the practice of the Bailiffs, Reeves, and other 'Ministers' to bring with them to the Exchequer on the occasion of their yearly audit a *Comptus* or Account of their Receipts and Expenses, and also a Roll of the Particulars of such Accounts which, after comparison with the Accounts or Abstracts thereof entered on the Pipe Rolls or the Foreign Rolls, were left by the Accountants in the office of the King's Remembrancer who was charged with the business of their preliminary audit. There they formed a large and important class of documents containing the minutest details of the management and revenue of the various lands, manors, and tenements in the hands of the Crown from a very early period.

The changes in the methods of accounting for the revenues of the Crown which began under Henry VII and resulted in the reign of his successor in the establishment of the new Courts of General Surveyors, of the Augmentations of the Revenues of the Crown, of Wards and Liveries and of First Fruits and Tenths have already been described in the present work.

When the Court of Augmentations was abolished under the authority of the statute 1 Mary, c. 10, and its business transferred to the Exchequer, the ancient mode of collecting the revenues through the Sheriffs was not restored. The several Ministers and Receivers rendered their accounts to the Auditors of the Exchequer, subsequently generally known as the Auditors of the Land Revenue, and the sums due from them were paid directly to the Receipt of the Exchequer.

The distinct series of Ministers' Accounts of the Court of Wards, relating to the possession of Wards and Minors, extends from the establishment of the Court in the 32nd year of Henry VIII to the final abolition of feudal tenures at the Restoration.

Subsequent to the Restoration the *Gross Sums* only arising from each particular district, in which no variation was thenceforward made, were accounted for by the several Receivers, no record being made in their Accounts of the rents by which they were made up, the persons by whom they were payable, or the lands out of which they issued, and the Accounts of the Bailiffs, Reeves, or other local Collectors being no longer returned to the Exchequer.

**Ministers' and Receivers' Accounts—(continued).**

With that period, therefore, the Ministers' Accounts as a series may be said to terminate. The Rentals and other documents relating to the management of the Crown property of subsequent date will be found amongst the Land Revenue Records.

The following list represents the principal classes of Ministers' and Receivers' Accounts from which the present collection has been formed.

**MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS** (*General Series*). Henry III to Richard III. These consist mainly of original Accounts and Particulars of Accounts of the Bailiffs, Reeves, and other Ministers of such Honours and Lands as formed part of the Ancient Demesne or from time to time came into the hands of the Crown by escheat, forfeiture, or otherwise (including the possessions of the Knights Templars and the Temporalities of various Religious Houses), which were formerly preserved amongst the so-called Ancient Miscellanea of the King's Remembrancer's Department, the collection comprising 880 Bundles or Parcels, a brief list of which is given in the Appendix to the Deputy Keeper's 20th Report, pp. 95-III. With these, however, have been incorporated analogous documents formerly preserved in the Chapter House at Westminster, in the Office of Land Revenue Records, and in the Tower of London.

**MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS** (*General Series*). Henry VII to Charles II. In this class are included the Ministers' Accounts of the Courts of General Surveyors and of the Augmentations, and those which, subsequent to the abolition of those Courts, were preserved in the Augmentation Office of the Exchequer and the Office of Land Revenue Records, with which have been incorporated the Accounts of the Duchy of Cornwall between the above-mentioned dates.

A few accounts of lands in Ireland, the Isle of Man and Calais and its Marches of the reigns of Henry VIII and Edward VI will be found amongst them.

These two series also include the accounts of the Chamberlain of Chester and of other officers and ministers of the Palatinate, formerly preserved in Chester Castle.

**ACCOUNTS OF ALIEN PRIORIES, &c.** 22 Edw. I to 22 Edw. IV. These consist of the Accounts of Bailiffs and other Ministers, relating to the possessions of the Alien Religious Houses in England, and also of laymen who were foreign subjects.

The Alien Priories were cells, or small convents, established by and subordinate to such foreign monasteries as held possessions in this country. Some of these were conventual, that is to say, choosing their own priors and applying the revenues they received to their own use and benefit, paying an obvention or acknowledgment only to the foreign house; whilst others were entirely dependent thereon and transmitted thereto the whole of their revenues. For this reason their estates were generally confiscated on the breaking out of a war between England and France, being, however, restored to them on the return of peace. Such confiscations took place in the reigns of



**Ministers' and Receivers' Accounts—**(continued).

Edward I, Edward II, Edward III, and Richard II. The Alien Priors were finally dissolved by Act of Parliament 2 Henry V, and all their estates vested in the Crown, except some lands granted to the College of Fotheringay. A full description of these Priors is printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon* (ed. 1830), Vol. VI, Pt. II, pp. 985-1119.

ACCOUNTS OF BISHOPS' TEMPORALITIES. Henry III to Richard III. These consist chiefly of Bailiffs' and Ministers' Accounts of the possessions of the various Bishoprics whilst they were in the hands of the Crown during the vacancies of the respective sees.

Subsequent to the reign of Richard III these accounts are included in the General Series of Ministers' Accounts.

ACCOUNTS OF CONTRARIANTS' LANDS, &c. Edward II. These are the accounts of the possessions of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, and his adherents, who, in respect of their great power and influence instead of being described as 'Rebels' or 'Traitors,' were called 'Contrarians.'

ACCOUNTS OF LANDS IN WALES. Prior to the reign of Henry VII the accounts of the receivers, bailiffs and others responsible for the collection of the Crown revenues in Wales, which were formerly amongst the records of the King's Remembrancer and other departments of the Exchequer, including those of the several chamberlains, coroners, escheators and sheriffs in the Principality, form a distinct section of the Ministers' Accounts. The section includes also the accounts, which exist amongst the Exchequer records, of possessions in Wales of the Earls of March, the de Clares and others.

From the reign of Henry VII onwards the Ministers' Accounts relating to Wales are included in the general series. Among them will be found a few accounts which were formerly amongst the records preserved in the several repositories in the Principality. (See Lists and Indexes, No. XL, Preface, p. ix).

ACCOUNTS OF THE WELSH BORDERS. Edw. I to Edw. IV. Accounts of the lordship of Bromfield and Yale, Chirk, Abergavenny, and other castles, the lordships of Wigmore and Denbigh, &c., formerly in the possession of the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of March and others.

ACCOUNTS OF LANDS IN IRELAND. Edw. I to Edw. III. Accounts of the possessions in Ireland of Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk, Thomas, Earl of Ormond, Elizabeth de Burgo, Lady of Clare, and others.

HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS OF MONASTERIES, &c. A great number of these, such as the Cellarers' Accounts, Sacristans' Accounts, Treasurers' Accounts, and so forth, will be found in the series of Ministers' Accounts, of which they form a distinct branch. (See Lists and Indexes No. VIII, pp. 519-521). Such accounts are, however, frequently attached to the general Accounts of the Revenues of the Monastery.

**Papal Bulls.**

John to Henry VIII. 64 Bundles. A collection of original Papal Bulls and Letters brought together from various sources and including those formerly preserved in the Tower of London, an Inventory of which is printed in the Deputy Keeper's 5th Report. A Catalogue of these documents, many of which have been printed in Rymer's *Fœdera* and elsewhere, is in preparation for inclusion in the new list of Diplomatic Documents.

The collection includes the 'Golden Bull' of Clement VII, confirming to King Henry VIII the title of 'Defender of the Faith,' conferred on him by Leo X. The solid golden bulla formerly attached to this is the work of Benvenuto Cellini.

**Parliamentary Proxies.**

Henry III to Henry VIII. 52 Files. These are letters from spiritual peers desiring to be excused attendance in Parliament on the ground of infirmity, &c., and appointing proctors to represent them. The last three files contain documents with the seals still attached and in the last file there are some proxies of lay peers.

**Parliament Rolls.**

(*Exchequer Series*). 18 Edward I to 15 Edward II. 24 Rolls. The Exchequer Series of Parliament Rolls consist of Memoranda, Petitions, and Pleas in Parliament, most of which have been printed in the *Rotuli Parliamentorum* or in Cole's *Documents illustrative of English History*. A roll of the 33rd year of Edward I has been published in the Series of 'Chronicles and Memorials' under the title of *Memoranda de Parlamento*.

Four rolls of the reign of Edward the Second, consisting chiefly of Pleadings in Parliament, which were formerly in the Tower of London, have been added to this series.

**Rentals and Surveys.**

1,022 Rolls and 35 Portfolios. Under the general title of Rentals and Surveys a collection has been made of the numerous Rentals or Rent Rolls, Terriers, Extents, and Surveys or Valuations of Monastic and other possessions which formerly existed amongst the Miscellanea of the King's Remembrancer's Department, of the Treasury of the Receipt of the Exchequer, and of the Augmentation Office, with a few documents of the like nature amongst the Records transferred from the Tower of London and the Records of the Principality of Wales and the Palatinates of Chester and Durham.

These documents vary greatly in character from the small rent-rolls or lists of tenants originally amongst the vouchers of the Ministers' Accounts preserved in the Exchequer to the full and important surveys prepared for some particular purpose.

They have been arranged as far as possible in counties, and the description of them is included in the exhaustive printed list (Lists and Indexes, No. XXV, 1908) of all 'Extents, Rentals, Surveys and Valors' existing in the Public Record Office.

**Seals.**

This is a collection of Seals, many of them possessing special heraldic or other interest, which have become detached from the documents to which they were formerly appended.

Included amongst them is a number of Scottish seals, a catalogue of which is printed at pp. 537 to 559 of Vol. II of Bain's *Calendar*. (See **EXCH. T.R. Scottish Documents**.)

The collection includes also some German seals in carved skippets, leaden bullæ, &c.

A general descriptive catalogue of all the Seals of special interest preserved in the Public Record Office is in course of preparation.

**Specimens of Scheduled Documents.**

101 Bundles. Specimens of documents in various classes of records scheduled for destruction by the Inspecting Officers under the Public Record Office Acts.

*MS. Inventory.*

**Writs Recovered.**

Under arrangement. These are writs, generally of early date and formerly preserved for the most part in the Chapter House at Westminster, which have been sometime out of custody and recovered at various times.

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## DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,

OR DEPOSITED THEREIN FOR THE PUBLIC USE.

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### **Akroyd Papers.**

1 Bundle. East Worcestershire Election Registers, 1859 to 1868, with MS. additions belonging to the late William Akroyd, Esq., of Stourbridge. Presented in April, 1920, by James Mowatt, Esq.

### **Allan Papers.**

10 Bundles. MS. materials chiefly for ecclesiastical history presented or bequeathed by Major Gen. Alex. S. Allan, who died in 1881.

### **Bosanquet Papers.**

32 Vols., &c. These were presented by Charles B. P. Bosanquet, Esq., of Rock Hall, Alnwick, in 1897, and consist of Minute Books, Reports, Orderly Books, and Musters relating to the Light Horse Volunteers (Westminster), from the foundation of the Corps in 1779 to its final dissolution in 1831.

### **Carew Papers.**

6 Vols. These were lent by Colonel Carew, of Crowcombe Court, near Taunton, in 1868. They consist of a volume in a late 16th century hand, setting out the negotiations of Cardinal Wolsey, a MS. Chronicle of Ireland, 1589 to 1616, Proceedings of the Irish Parliament, 1613 to 1615, Entry Book of Secretary Walsingham's letters to Ireland, 1578-1579, and his Diary, 1571 to 1583, and an Entry Book of Petitions to Charles I, 1638 to 1640.

### **Cave Papers.**

2 Vols. Presented by Captain C. J. P. Cave, of Ditcham Park, Petersfield, in 1920. They contain correspondence from the embassy at Palermo, 1811 to 1814, and from the embassy at Naples, 1816 to 1822.

### **Chatham Papers.**

372 Bundles. These consist of the correspondence of the first Earl of Chatham and of his son, William Pitt. They were deposited in the Public Record Office for the use of the public by Capt. (now Rear-Admiral) Pringle, in 1888. There is a MS. index to the correspondents in the Search Room.

### **Cooper Papers.**

53 Vols. These form part of the manuscripts of Charles Purton Cooper, Esq., Secretary to the Record Commission (1836) and were presented by the Masters of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn in 1912. They consist of the correspondence, reports, miscellaneous papers, &c., of the said Commission.

**Cornwallis Papers.**

59 Bundles. These consist chiefly of the official papers of Charles, first Marquis of Cornwallis, and relate to the affairs of the American Plantations and of the East Indies between the years 1741 and 1819. They were deposited in the Public Record Office by Lord Braybrooke in 1880, for the convenience and advantage of the students of Anglo-American and Anglo-Indian History. They are briefly described in the 8th Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, (App., p. 287).

**Ellenborough Papers.**

Under arrangement. Papers of the Earl of Ellenborough as Governor-General of India, 1841-1844. Presented by Lord Colchester in July, 1919.

**Golden Grove Book of Pedigrees.**

A Heraldic and Genealogical Collection relating to Wales known as The Golden Grove Book, consisting of three volumes with an Index Volume, deposited in the Public Record Office by the Earl of Cawdor in 1870, for the use of the public.

**John of Gaunt's Register.**

4 Vols. A MS. copy of the volume in the Duchy of Lancaster records (Misc. Books, Vol. 14) deposited in 1917 by S. Armitage Smith, Esq., for the temporary use of students.

**Manchester Papers.**

13 Bundles. The collection of State Papers belonging to the Duke of Manchester, which were deposited by him in the Public Record Office in 1880, extends from the reign of Henry VIII to that of George III, and includes very interesting and valuable correspondence relating to Ireland in the reign of James I and to the Virginia Plantations and the Bermudas in the reigns of James I and Charles I.

They are fully described in the 8th Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, (App., Part II).

**Napier Papers.**

23 Bundles. These consist of Letters and Papers relating to Sir Charles Napier's expedition to the Baltic in 1854, with a Register of his correspondence with the Admiralty between 1849 and 1855. They were presented to the Public Record Office by Mrs. Jodrell, of Merchistoun Hall, Horndean, in January, 1901.

**Petrie Papers.**

4 Bundles. These were presented by Miss Clara L. Sharpe in June, 1919, and consist of correspondence of Henry Petrie, Esq., formerly Keeper of the Records at the Tower, with notes, transcripts and materials for the *Monasticon* and various Chronicles and Memorials of English History, together with a Log Book of H.M.S. *Lively* from 8 Nov., 1794, to 12 April, 1798, kept by James Petrie.

**Rodney Papers.**

26 Bundles. Miscellaneous Journals and Correspondence of Admiral Rodney, extending from 1747 to 1782, with genealogical Notes and Pedigrees relating to the Rodney and Harley families.

Presented by Harley Rodney, Esq., in May, 1906.

**Rolls Chapel Register, &c.**

5 Boxes, &c. These include the Register (Marriages, 1736 to 1749; Deaths, 1738 to 1826; Baptisms, 1837 and 1860 to 1892), altar plate, books and other property of the Chapel which was demolished in 1895, together with some books of accounts (1837 to 1879), and three original marriage licences (1744 to 1746). The entries of marriages and deaths have been printed in D. K. Report LVII, pp. 43 to 47.

**Serjeants' Inn Records.**

32 Bundles. These were presented in 1898 and consist of Account Books, Deeds, Minutes of the Board of Green Cloth and miscellaneous documents relating to the affairs of the Inn between 1611 and 1883.

**Shaftesbury Papers.**

50 Bundles. This valuable collection, which was presented to the Public Record Office by the Earl of Shaftesbury in April, 1871, consists of Deeds and Grants relating chiefly to Sir John and Sir Ashley Cooper, with a large collection of papers relating to the Cooper family; papers, diaries, and correspondence relating to the first, second, third and fourth Earls of Shaftesbury; the Letters and Papers of John Locke, including several pamphlets in his handwriting, and the original or 'First set of the Fundamental Constitutions' for the government of Carolina; Letters and Papers relating to Carolina and the first settlement on Ashley River; and documents relating to Jamaica, Barbados, the Bahamas, and Foreign Plantations.

Elaborate Reports on the Shaftesbury Papers have been printed in the 33rd, 34th, 35th, 39th, and 43rd Reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Records.

**Venetian Manuscripts.**

196 Vols. This is a collection of Manuscripts, purchased or otherwise acquired by the late Mr. Rawdon Brown, the Editor of the Venetian State Papers, and bequeathed by him to the Public Record Office. They range from the early days of the Venetian Republic to its downfall in 1797, and a description of them is printed in the Deputy Keeper's 46th Report, Appendix II.

**Waterhouse Papers.**

54 Vols., &c. Notes from records, pedigrees, &c., relating to the family of Waterhouse, presented by Charles O. Waterhouse, Esq., in 1915.



**Miscellaneous.**

46 Bundles and Vols. Included amongst these are the following :—

DOCTORS' COMMONS: Treasurer's Book, 1567 to 1828, presented by Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane, Feb., 1908, and Library Accounts, 1730 to 1844, presented by Mr. Justice Phillimore, March, 1908.

CHARTERS of King Edgar, A.D. 974, presented by H. Garling, Esq., Nov., 1868; and of Henry II to St. Michael's, Cornwall, presented by J. J. Rogers, Esq., Nov., 1873.

FULHAM BRIDGE. Minute Books, 1726 to 1882, Dividend Book, 1730 to 1755, and Papers, 1826 to 1879, presented by the former proprietors, 1884.

CORSICA. Papers relating to the British occupation of the island, *circa* 1796, presented by Prof. Flinders Petrie, June, 1918.

SAVOY HOSPITAL. Volume containing 'an accurate though succinct' History of the Royal Hospital of the Savoy and its revenues, from its foundation to the year 1755, carefully collected from authentic records by the Rev. John Wilkinson, Minister of the Savoy. Presented by William Hardy, Esq. (afterwards Sir William Hardy), on 24 July, 1869.

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## COLLECTIONS OF TRANSCRIPTS.

### Carte Papers.

57 Vols. These are transcripts from a collection formed by the Rev. Thomas Carte, the well-known author of the *Life of James, Duke of Ormonde*. Although the bulk of its contents was gathered together to serve as materials for that work, a large proportion of the papers is entirely unconnected with that subject, and was the outcome of a long series of literary and historical undertakings in which the collector was engaged, both before and after the completion of the biography.

The collection, which comprises 272 vols., relating principally to the affairs of Ireland between 1640 and 1685, is preserved in the Bodleian Library, and in 1865 Commissioners were appointed by the Treasury to select for transcription such papers in it as were of an official character.

*Carte Papers, Final Report on the transcription of.* Report XXXII, App. I, pp. 1-236. See also the preceding reports in Reports XXIX to XXXI.

*Carte and Carew Papers, Report on the.* 1 Vol. Printed in the Series of Calendars of State Papers.

### Milan Archives.

1428 to 1616 and 1722 to 1723. 2 Bundles.

*Calendar of State Papers and Manuscripts existing in the Archives and Collections of Milan*, Vol. I, 1385-1618. (London, 1912).

### Paris Archives :

#### Baschet's Transcripts.

1509 to 1714. 203 Bundles. Transcripts by M. Armand Baschet and others, from documents in the National Archives at Paris relating to the affairs of Great Britain and Ireland. For M. Baschet's reports on the progress of his work see D. K. Reports XXXVI to XLVII *passim*.

#### Crisp's Transcripts.

1624 to 1625. 9 Vols. Transcripts of letters, acts, &c., preserved at Paris, relating to the marriage of Charles I and Henrietta Maria. Presented by F. D. Crisp, Esq., F.S.A., in 1905.

### Petrie Manuscripts.

11 Bundles. These are transcripts of medieval chronicles, lives of saints, registers, &c., for the most part now printed in the series of Chronicles and Memorials issued under the direction of the Master of the Rolls and elsewhere. They were made by the late Mr. Henry Petrie and transferred in 1843 to the Master of the Rolls by his executors.

### Powder Plot.

1605. 1 Vol. Transcripts of letters and papers relating to the Gunpowder Plot in the possession of W. Phelips, Esq., at Montacute House, Somersetshire. (See Hist. MSS. Commission's Reports I, App. p. 58 and III, p. xviii, and App., p. 281.)

**Record Commission Transcripts.****Series I.**

195 Vols. This series consists chiefly of transcripts from the Patent, Close, and other rolls of the Chancery and from the Parliamentary Petitions, Parliamentary Writs and other documents made under the direction of the Record Commissioners with a view to ultimate publication. They include also a Transcript of the rolls at one time preserved in the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Department, known as 'Nomina Villarum' (Vol. 65), of the volume known as the Ipswich Domesday Book (Vol. 67), and of a Custumal of Winchelsea and Sandwich (Vol. 71).

**Series II.**

204 Vols. This series consists principally of Materials for a New Edition of Rymer's *Fœdera*, and of Transcripts of documents from various foreign Archives, noticed in the *Syllabus of the Fœdera* (Vol. III, pp. xxxiv–liii).

The 'Cartulaire de la Basse Normandie,' a collection of Transcripts of Charters, &c., of various early dates, granted in England to the religious houses in Normandy, in three MS. volumes, is in this Series (Vol. 140).

Included in this series are also a collection of Transcripts of papers of the Earls of Bristol, extending from 1605 to 1695 inclusive, and remaining in the possession of G. D. Wingfield-Digby, Esq., of Sherborne Castle, Dorset. (Vol. 199); and 4 vols. of Transcripts of documents, formerly belonging to the Irish Series of State Papers, at one time deposited in the Library of Philadelphia, U.S.A., but afterwards restored to the British Nation, and now in the Public Record Office of Ireland (Vols. 200–203).

Vol. I of a *Calendar of Documents preserved in France illustrative of the History of Great Britain and Ireland*, embracing the period A.D. 918 to 1206, and edited by Dr. J. Horace Round for the most part from the transcripts in this series, was published in 1899.

**Rome Archives :**

**Series I.** 147 Vols. and Bundles.

**Series II.** 17 Bundles.

Transcripts of documents in the Archives of the Vatican of the English College at Rome, in the Angelica Library, the Barberini Palace and elsewhere, extending from 1066 to about 1815.

The following Calendars of documents in these Archives relating to Great Britain and Ireland are in progress of publication :—

*Calendar of Papal Registers : Papal Letters*, A.D. 1198 to 1464. 11 Vols. (1893–1921).

*Do. Petitions to the Pope*, A.D. 1342 to 1419. 1 Vol. (1896).

*Calendar of State Papers at Rome*, A.D. 1558 to 1571. 1 Vol. (1916).



**Spanish Archives :**

**Series I.** 1485 to 1532. 12 Vols., &c.

**Series II.** (Gondomar MSS.) 1598 to 1655. 43 Vols.

Transcripts from the Archives at Simancas and elsewhere in Spain. Those of the reign of Henry VIII have been used in the *Calendar of Letters and Papers* of that reign, and the following Calendar dealing exclusively with the documents relating to English affairs preserved in Spanish archives is in progress :—

*Calendar of State Papers, Spain*, A.D. 1485 to 1553. 17 Vols. (1862–1916).

*Do.* A.D. 1558 to 1603. 4 Vols. (1892–1899).

**Stockholm Archives.**

1550 to 1791. 8 Bundles. A description of these transcripts appears in D.K. Report XLIII, App. ii, pp. 35–52.

**Venetian Archives.**

1202 to 1797. 211 Vols., &c. Transcripts of the dispatches, diaries and reports of the Venetian Ambassadors, newsletters, &c. Those for the period have been used in the *Calendar of Letters and Papers of the reign of Henry VIII*, and the following Calendar is in progress :—

*Calendar of State Papers relating to English Affairs preserved in Venice and Northern Italy*. A.D. 1202 to 1636. 23 Vols. (1864–1922).

**Waurin.**

20 Vols. The manuscript transcript of the *Recueil des Croniques de la Grant Bretaigne par Jehan de Waurin*, published in 8 Vols. in the Rolls Series.

**Williamson's Transcripts.**

70 Bundles. A collection formed by Sir Joseph Williamson, the Keeper of the State Paper Office, consisting chiefly of transcripts from the Chancery Records then preserved in the Tower of London, and miscellaneous notes, extracted from the Records, relating to the King's prerogative, the 'jura regalia,' tenures in ancient demesne, the Cinque Ports, and other matters.

It includes a transcript of the Red Book of the Exchequer and of the Return of Knights' Fees, &c., known as 'Kirkby's Quest.'

**Miscellaneous.**

22 Bundles. These include copies of the photographs taken for the French Government of the Gascon Rolls, 39 Hen. III to 18 Edw. II; some keys to ciphers received from Signor Luigi Pasini in 1875; a translation of an Extent of the Island of Jersey in 5 Edw. III; and a volume containing excerpts, from the Public Records generally, of all entries relating to Windsor Castle from the earliest period to 9 Edward III.

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